

THE
GREAT CHARTER
OF THE
LIBERTIES
OF THE
CITY of DUBLIN,

Transcribed and translated into ENGLISH;

WITH

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

ADDRESSED TO

HIS MAJESTY,

AND PRESENTED TO

His LORDS JUSTICE of IRELAND.

By CHARLES LUCAS, a FREE-CITIZEN.



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TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES
The Lords Justices General
AND
General Governors
OF
I R E L A N D.

May it please YOUR EXCELLENCIES!

CERTAIN PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, of
a most extraordinary Nature, have put
me under the unavoidable Necessity of
Addressing HIS MAJESTY.

WHEN an Address, relating to the Affairs of
this Kingdom, is made to the KING, whose po-
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litical person, YOU have the Honor to represent ; it is, in Effect, directed to YOUR EXCELLENCIES ; and may hope for the like Acceptance and Treatment, from YOU, as it might expect to meet, from the Hands of THE SOVEREIGN, had it been, immediately, presented to him, in Person.

To approach the THRONE, and to present to HIS MAJESTY, *Petitions, Addresses, Remonstrances, and Complaints of public Grievances*, is a Right of the *British* Subjects, from which, they never are, nor, indeed, ever can be, excluded, without Violence.

IF the Subjects of IRELAND stand in the same Relation ; if they be equally valuable and dear to the CROWN ; if in point of Loyalty, and in Proportion to their Circumstances, they have always contributed, equally with *Britain*, to the Assertion of LIBERTY, and to the Support and Defence of the Establishment ; and this, surely, is the Case ; they are not to be debarred a Right, which any other Subjects may clame ; a Privilege, without which, they can not be supposed to subsist.

WITH this Assurance, and upon these Principles, it is, that I, thus, with all due Reverence and Humility, lay Clame to this privilege.

As reflected Light, however clear and diffusive, can never equal the brightness and warmth of the Original ; to lament the Want of that benign

sign Influence, which must always be shed, from the immediate Presence of the real and true HEAD of our Constitution; can be no Derogation from the Honor and Dignity of the great Office, YOU bear; while YOUR EXCELLENCIES fill it, so eminently; as to make the Absence of OUR ROYAL SOVEREIGN, as imperceptible, as possible.

I AM persuaded, it will ever be the constant Care, the earnest Endeavor of YOUR EXCELLENCIES, to discharge the GREAT TRUST, in YOU reposed; to support and maintain the Constitution of the KINGDOM, in all Points; agreeable to the Office and Duty of THE SOVEREIGN, and to the Rights and Privileges of the Subject; by causing the LAW, with EQUITY and JUSTICE, MERCY and LIBERTY, to be dispensed to all parts of the Constitution, to every individual Member of the Community, without Distinction, without Interruption. Therefore, I hope, there will be no Occasion, no Room, for me, to make any particular Demand, on YOUR EXCELLENCIES.

BUT, as no public Address, or Remonstrance, from any Body in this Kingdom, can, with equal Propriety, indeed, without offering some Indignity to YOUR EXCELLENCIES, be presented to the KING, through any other Hands, than YOURS; so I must beg, YOUR EXCELLENCIES will graciously please to forward this Address, with the annexed Charter, to the ROYAL FOUNDER; to approach whom, personally, I can not, at present, allow myself the Happiness.

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GIVE me Leave, MY LORDS, to add one Request more, which, I hope, you will not disdain to grant, as it is the only One, of a private Nature, I shall presume to make ; That is, that YOUR EXCELLENCIES will, EACH OF YOU, do me the Honor to accept a Copy of this Address and Charter, which is presented, with all due Respect and Humility, by,

May it please YOUR EXCELLENCIES!

Your most dutiful,

Most faithful

And

Most obedient Servant,

DUBLIN
May 15th, 1749.

C. Lucas.



To his most Excellent M A J E S T Y,
G E O R G E II.
 KING of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland,*
 ELECTOR of *Hanover, &c.*

May it please YOUR MAJESTY!

IT is not from common, mean, or lucrative
 Motives, that I, thus, presume to address
 the sacred Person of MY SOVEREIGN.

NOR am I insensible, how arduous an Under-
 taking it is, for an illiterate and obscure Citizen,
 unacquainted with the necessary Forms and Lan-
 guage for an Address to THE KING; thus, to
 obtrude his unpolished, simple Sentiments, on
 YOUR MAJESTY; but, for this, I humbly hope,
 the Purity of mine Intentions, and the pressing
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Emergency of the Occasion, will make a better Apology, than I am able to express.

EVERY Subject is bound, by moral and religious, legal, or political Obligations, to inform YOUR MAJESTY, of all Treasons, Conspiracies, or Machinations against YOUR ROYAL PERSON, Crown, or Dignity. Encouraged by this great Privilege, and prompted by a Sense of this great Duty, it is, that I adventure, with all Respect and Humility, to approach YOUR MAJESTY.

IF the Intelligence, I bring, may in any Measure, contribute to the Glory of YOUR MAJESTY's Reign, or to the Advantage of a people, whom You wish to govern in Righteousness; I shall have my Reward: If not, I hope my Love for my COUNTRY, my Zeal for my KING, will plead pardon for this Forwardness in the Citizen, this Presumption in the Subject.

IF this Address may not be permitted to gain Access to YOUR ROYAL HANDS, the very Attempt of signally serving YOUR MAJESTY, will bring a Satisfaction not to be equalled; a Satisfaction, of which, no Man can deprive me: He that serves YOUR MAJESTY, truly; serves the People, of whom, You are the lawful and rightful SOVEREIGN, the common, tender, indulgent PARENT: For, YOUR Interests, must, ever, be mutual, and inseparable.

IN presenting to YOUR MAJESTY, the annexed Charter of the LIBERTIES of the capital City of YOUR most antient, and most loyal Kingdom of IRELAND, I offer Facts to YOUR gracious Consideration,

Consideration, the just Attention to which, tends, as I humbly conceive, to nothing less, than the present and future Glory of YOUR MAJESTY'S Reign, the Strength and Security of YOUR Crown and Dignity, the HEALTH and GENERAL HAPPINESS of YOUR PEOPLE; and, in a Word, to the great End of the Institution of this, and every wise and free Government.

FOR, these Emoluments can only be retained, can only be illustrated, by preserving and supporting, against Invaders of all Kinds and Denominations, these YOUR MAJESTY'S Realms, and the established Constitutions thereof, respectively.

YOUR MAJESTY is, by Divine Providence, called to the most exalted Station, that is known in any Part of the Earth. You preside over the GREATEST, because the FREEST PEOPLE, in the World. You are, in Comparison of those, who rule Slaves, by *despotic Sway*; a King of Kings. YOUR Subjects *assent* and *consent* to YOUR Sovereignty. And, YOUR Dominion is a Dominion over Minds, to which *arbitrary Monarchs*, notwithstanding their boundless Ambition; can never hope to attain.

THOSE of YOUR MAJESTY'S Subjects, who attend to YOUR Measures. and are well acquainted with YOUR Intentions, in the Government, with just Exultation, declare, that YOUR MAJESTY has always been actuated, by a proper Sense of these principles. And, the whole Tenor of YOUR Conduct, when duly considered, must convince YOUR rational Enemies, if any such there be; that, since YOUR MAJESTY'S
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Accession to the Throne, You have had nothing more in View, than maintaining and preserving the civil and religious RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of YOUR Subjects, and securing the CONSTITUTIONS of these Realms, freely and effectually, upon the established Principles of their Policy; agreeable to the ORIGINAL and MUTUAL COMPACT between KING and PEOPLE.

WHILE these, so evidently, appear, the ruling Motives of YOUR MAJESTY'S Government, every sensible Subject, indeed, every good Man, must think it indispensably incumbent on him, to use his utmost Might to perpetuate the Blessings of such a Reign, to latest Posterity; and must rejoice at the pleasing Prospect, these Nations, at present, enjoy; of being long, happily governed, by that ILLUSTRIOUS ROYAL LINE, which, we have Reason to hope, will succede to the Honors and Dignity, in Consequence of inheriting the Virtues, of their ROYAL ANCESTORS; which Virtues, in all free States, must ever prove the clearest and strongest Titule, as well, as the firmest Security, to the Crown.

HE, who considers YOUR MAJESTY'S Government, in this just Light, must be sensibly interested in every Thing, that relates to You; as well, in YOUR private, as in YOUR public, or political Capacity. And must, therefore, think it his invariable Interest and indispensable Duty, to lay before YOUR MAJESTY, all such Matters and Things, as nearly concern the Safety, Honor, Power and Interest, of YOUR Person, Crown and Family.

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THE most unhappy Circumstance attending the Condition of Kings, is, that, however strong and good their natural Faculties, Endowments, or Dispositions may be, they can not, in their political Capacities; fully, or perfectly, see, feel, hear, or understand all the Affairs relating to their Government, with their own proper Organs; and, therefore, are constantly liable to be imposed upon, and to bear the Blame of all the Misconduct of their several Substitutes; against whose Misinformation, or Misrepresentation and Adulation, mere human Nature can not, always, be perfect Proof.

IT is recorded of a certain antient Emperor, that, as the best Antidote to the Poison of Flattery, to which all Men in Power are constantly exposed; he appointed an Officer in his Court, whose Employment was, to pronounce, frequently, in his Sovereign's Ear, *Memento mori*; as much as if he should say, "Let Flatterers, of all Ranks and Denominations, say what they will, *remember that Thou art, but a mere, mortal Man!*"

Now, as Adulation is, perhaps the only Art, in which the Moderns may be said to excel the Antients; so, I humbly conceive, an Officer of the above kind, may be very useful in most modern Courts; not so much to make Kings remember, that they are *but Men*, as to inform them, without Evasion, without Palliation, without Flattery; which of those, to whom the Execution of any Part of the Regal Power, or the public Administration is committed, are *worse than Men*.

IF every sensible Subject would, in his Sphere, bring such important Truths to Light, and not tacitly submit to, or basely connive at, the numberless destructive Abuses of Power, We daily discover, and which, otherwise, unknown to the best of Kings, may frustrate, or overturn the best of Governments; our glorious Constitution could suffer no Decay; but, must perpetually improve and strengthen, upon the unerring, the unalterable Principles of LIBERTY, which is the *Foundation*, the *Essence* of our Policy.

UPON these Principles, *May it please* YOUR MAJESTY! I procede; and, I humbly hope, it will be accounted no unpardonable Presumption: For, indeed, it is with all imaginable Respect, Duty, and Affection, that I, thus, approach the Throne, and beg Leave to lay before YOUR MAJESTY, the GREAT CHARTER, on which are founded the SACRED LIBERTIES of an antient City: A City of unshaken, invariable Loyalty, and most firm and strict Attachment to YOUR MAJESTY'S PERSON, to YOUR FAMILY, to YOUR GOVERNMENT: The *Metropolis* of YOUR most antient and loyal KINGDOM of IRELAND.

THIS CHARTER, I have rescued from Obscurity and Ruins, by transcribing it into legible Characters, and translating it into *English*; with Intent to make known, and to ascertain the peculiar Rights and Liberties of these YOUR MAJESTY'S liege Subjects; and to point out some of the principal Breaches made in this important Part of our Constitution, to the evident, present and future, Prejudice and Hazard of the Whole.

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YOUR MAJESTY is, by GOD's Permission, and the *Suffrages* of a FREE PEOPLE ; SUPREME HEAD of the GREAT BODY POLITICAL, of which I have the Honor and Happiness of being a *Member*.

HUMAN Wisdom was never known, in any Instance, to come nearer to Divine Perfection, than in the Constitution of this *Body Politic* : Because, no civil Society was ever known to bear so just Analogy to the Frame and Oeconomy, to the LIBERTY of the *Body Natural*.

THIS, among numberless other Instances, is most remarkable, in the intimate Connexion between the Parts, their Relation to, and mutual Dependence upon, each other.

FOR, though the several Individuals, of which our Society is composed, be destined to different Offices and Ranks in the Community ; some being made for honorable, others for mean Stations ; yet, can not the most high and honorable say, to the most low and mean, *I have no Occasion for thee* : Nor can the least and most inconsiderable suffer any Injury, without prejudicing and endangering the greatest and most noble Parts : So truly, and indiscriminately, *are We, Members one of an other*.

Now, as, in the *Body Politic*, the Parts most remote, and distant from the HEAD, may suffer many grievous and destructive Evils, of which the HEAD, if left uninformed, may not become, timely, sensible ; so, every Member, who wishes well to the entire Structure of the *Body Politic*, or pays due Regard to the *Head and Members*, even, to himself ; must think it unavoidably in-

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cumbent on him, to give the most just and early Information to the HEAD, of all things, that annoy, or threaten the general Welfare of the Community, or that of any of the *Parts*.

SUCH, MY MOST SERENE SOVEREIGN, is my Zeal for the Preservation of this GREAT and GLORIOUS BODY POLITIC, in general ; for promoting the Honor and Interest of YOUR MAJESTY and that of YOUR ROYAL FAMILY, in particular ; that, were I but equal to it, I should, most gladly, undertake this important Task. But, it is too weighty, as well, as too extensive an Undertaking for any single Man ; especially, for one, like me, of little Moment, and unassisted, if not opposed.

BESIDES, my narrow Sphere has confined me, chiefly, to the Affairs of this City : To them, therefore, with YOUR MAJESTY's Permission ; I shall, chiefly, confine my present Remonstrances.

BUT, in order to give YOUR MAJESTY, an adequate Notion of our Complaints ; I must beg Leave to lay before YOU, a general, but concise, Sketch of the State of this poor Kingdom.

IT has been the hard Fate of the Subjects of this very ancient and most loyal KINGDOM, not to have had the Happiness, these many Years passed, of seeing, or being seen by, THEIR SOVEREIGN, or common, POLITICAL PARENT.

THIS, notwithstanding the regal and paternal Care of some wise and righteous Kings, whom I do not choose to compliment, by naming ; has reduced
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Us to a State, but little, if at all, better, than that of *Orphans*: For, We have, for the most part, been put under the Government, or Rule of *Vice-Roys* from *England*; most of whom, at best, were absolute Strangers to the People and Constitution; and many of them, by their Conduct, proved themselves such *Enemies*, such fierce, such insatiable *Ravagers* of the Nation, as may well be looked upon, as worse, than *Step-fathers* to the People.

THEREFORE, it may reasonably be presumed, that a true State of this long rejected and despised KINGDOM, has, as yet, hardly reached YOUR ROYAL EARS; which induces me to hope, the following short, but true, Abstract will not be unacceptable to YOUR MAJESTY.

IRELAND, with respect to its Size, Form and Situation, or the Number and Genius of its Inhabitants; is, next to *Great-Britain*, by far, the most considerable of all the *European* Islands. But, with Respect to the Temperature of the Climate, and the great Plenty it affords, of all the Commodities and real Necessaries of Life, the best Geographers know not its Equal, in the World.

IT was formerly famed for Literature and celebrated for Religion and Piety. But, by the frequent IncurSIONS of powerful, savage Invaders, it was, at length, reduced to that blind Ignorance, that base Bigotry and Barbarism, which are the fatal, the horrid, though necessary, Consequences of a Deprivation of LIBERTY.

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HENCE, it is, that so few Traces of the true History of IRELAND, are, at this Time, any where, to be collected. But, we can discern, that in their Language, Manners, Customs and Laws, they bore great Analogy to those glorious *Barbarians*, the antient *Britons*. And some of our old *English* Historians agree with the *Irish*, in this Particular, that many Parts of *Britain*, were peopled from *Ireland*; particularly, the North, where the *Irish* Language, without any essential Alteration, except in the Pronunciation; is, at this Day, in Use.

THAT this was a KINGDOM of some Rank and Fame, in foreign Countries, long before *England*; appears, incontestably, from this, among other Circumstances; That when a Contest arose, at the Council of *Constance*, in the Year 1417, between the Legates of that memorable Royal Hero, the GREAT HENRY the Fifth of *England*, and those of *Charles* the Sixth of *France*, for Precedence; it was conceded to the *English* Legates, for this sole, remarkable Reason, *that their King was King of IRELAND*; then, reckoned the third KINGDOM in *Europe*; giving Place, in Seniority and Dignity, only to the Empires of *Rome* and *Constantinople* *.

AS ENGLAND had formerly been divided into an *Heptarchy*, so had IRELAND, into a *Pentarchy*; in which State it continued, till it became a *Monarchy*, under the King of *England*, about the Year 1172 †.

* Selden's Tit. Hon. P. 1. C. 8. Sect. 5. Pr. Ussher's Relig. Ant. Irish. C. 11. Act. Confil. Constant. Seff. 28. M. S. in Bib. Reg.

† G. Cambrensis, M. Paris, J. Brampton, R. Hoveden, Sir J. Davies, &c.

THEN it was, that IRELAND, by a FREE and VOLUNTARY COMPACT, entered into between YOUR MAJESTY's Predecessor, King Henry the Second, for *himself* and *his Successors*; and the Princes, or Potentates, Prelates and People of the whole Island, for *themselves* and *their Successors*; was constituted a NEW KINGDOM, as absolutely, as necessarily, FREE and INDEPENDENT, as separate and distinct from that of *England*; but upon the same Model and Principles; under the same COMMON HEAD, and under the like System of Laws and general Form of Government. For,

HENRY the Second, as soon, as he was acknowledged sovereign Lord; established the same Constitution, *civil* and *ecclesiastic*, with that of *England*, in this KINGDOM, FOR EVER. This must, probably, have been the principal Consideration, which induced the *Irish* to submit *peacefully* and *freely*, to his Government: For, we find, the first Act of sovereign Power, exercised, by this King, was convoking a PARLEMENT, or Council of the *Nobles* and *Commons*, for civil Affairs, at *Lismore*; in which the national Constitution was framed and established. And the second; the summoning a CONVOCATION, or Council of the *Prelates* and *Clergy*, at *Cashel*, for the Establishment of the *Church*; Each of which, were made absolutely *free* and *independent* of, and, in some Points, somewhat *different* from, the *State* and *Church* of ENGLAND.

UPON his Return to *England*, the King sent the Laws of *England*, particularly the *Modus tenendi Parlementum*, into IRELAND, and in some Years after by the Advice and Consent of his *British* Parlement;

Parlement ; vested the Sovereignty of this Kingdom, separately, fully, solely and entirely, in his third Son, *John*, before called, *Sans Terre*, or *Lack-land* ; and his Heirs, for Ever.

JOHN dwelled here, held Parlements, agreeable to his Father's Institution ; and established subordinate Courts and Ministers of Justice, Sheriffs and other Magistrates, in this Kingdom, in the same Manner, as they were, then, held and established in *England* ; which, however, neither had, nor could have any Dependence on, or Connection with, those of *England* ; forasmuch, as *John* was, then, SOLE and SOVEREIGN LORD of IRELAND, and wholly independent on the *English* Throne. In consequence of which, he made Laws, granted and confirmed several Charters, in this Kingdom, many of which, as well, as the following, are still extant ; without any sort of regard to *England*, during the Reigns of his Father and his eldest Brother, *Richard* the First.

THE ENGLISH, in general, finding the same Constitution with their own, established here ; thought it no Hazard, to their Lives, Liberties, or Properties, to come into a Climate, not widely different, and separated, but, by a narrow Branch of the Sea, from theirs. And, upon this Assurance, we find, several Colonies of *English*, from time to time, transplanted themselves into this Kingdom ; wherein, they built, enlarged, fortified and founded several *Cities*, *Castles*, *Churches*, &c. and have since, so multiplied, as, at this to Day, to equal, if not exceed, the Number of the Native Inhabitants, of the whole Island.

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A COLONY from *Bristol*, to the Citizens of whom, *Dublin* was granted, by *Henry* the Second; settled in this City, improved it, introduced and established in it, the Policy, Manners, Customs, Liberties and Franchises, Arts and Trades, of their Mother City; which have since been, diversly, augmented, enlarged and confirmed, by sundry royal Charters.

UPON the Death of King *Richard* the First, without Issue, *John* found Means to ingratiate himself with the People of *England*; who, always, justly regardless of the vain Notion, of *an indefeasible hereditary Right* to the Crown; called him, preferable to the Issue of his elder Brother, *Jeffrey*, to the Throne.

By this Means, the two Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, which might otherwise have continued under different Kings, to this Day; fell again, under one common Head: The Lord, or King of *IRELAND*, being chosen King of *England*, and making that his Residence; as YOUR ROYAL FATHER, of happy Memory, was chosen King of these Realms, without any Attempt, or Thought, of annexing, or uniting, much less, of subjecting, the ELECTORATE of *Hanover*, to the Government of either Kingdom: For, each, though brought under Subjection to one common Head, and united in one common Interest; must, for ever, remain separate and distinct Governments, absolutely free, absolutely independent of one another; while common Justice, right Reason, Liberty and Loyalty, are allowed their due Weight in the Determination.

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ENGLAND and IRELAND became thus, as two Sisters, under the Care and Government of one common Parent. The Extent and Limits of the *regal Prerogatives*, and of the *Power, Jurisdiction, Authority and Privilege*, of the *Parliament*, and all inferior *Courts, Magistrates and Ministers*; together with those of the *Rights and Liberties* of the *Subject*; were severally and distinctly established, upon the same Principles and Foundation, in the one Kingdom, as in the other; without any Competition, Clashing, or Interfering of the one, with the other.

AFTER this wise and happy Establishment, *England and Ireland*, while both were justly and legally governed; grew up together, like Sisters, continued in Sisterly Love and Amity, and, generally, shared each other's Fate.

EVERY Shock, given to *England*, by *weak*, or *tyrannical Kings*, *packed*, or *corrupt Parlements*, or *wicked Ministers*, the only Enemies, that either Government should fear; was, generally, perceived, at Second-hand, in *Ireland*: And every Improvement made, in the Constitution of *England*, by *wise and just Kings*, *free and disinterested Parlements*, and *faithful Ministers*, under which the Constitution must always improve; was, in Process of Time, communicated to the State of IRELAND.

THE Injuries, which this Kingdom might have sustained, in the *despotic and barbarous* Parts of the Reigns of *John*, and his Son and Successor, *Henry the Third*; were repaired, by the GREAT CHARTER of LIBERTIES, granted to IRELAND,

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LAND, by King *Henry*, nine Years before he granted that to *England*, which stands foremost among the *English* Statutes, and which seems to be, but a Copy of this.

AND, to secure, to the *Irish* Subjects, all the Privileges and Advantages, they could wish; *All the Laws of England*, as well Statute, as Common, which relate to Government; from the Foundation of that Constitution, to the Reign of *Henry* the Eighth; are, by several Statutes, constituted the LAWS of IRELAND; and, as such, established, by the same, or equal Authority, and upon the same UNALTERABLE PRINCIPLES and FOUNDATION.

I MUST beg your MAJESTY'S Leave to observe, that, by an *Act* of the *Parlement* of IRELAND, in the Reign of *Henry* the Eighth, that King's Marriage with Princess *Katherine* is dissolved; his Marriage with *Anne Bullen* is declared legal and just; and the Succession to the Crown, as well of *England*, as *Ireland*, is settled on their Issue*. By an other, he and his Successors respectively, are declared *Supreme Head* of the Church†. And by a third, recognising the Titule of *Henry* the Eighth, to the Crown of *England*, and Dominion of this Kingdom; the Stile and Titule of this King is changed, from *Lord*, to KING of IRELAND; and his lawful Successors, Kings of *England*, are to be also, Kings of IRELAND‡.

By other *Irish Statutes*, there are sundry *Recognitions* and *Confirmations* made, of the Titules

* 20 Hen. viii. C. 11.

† C. v.

‡ 33 Hen. viii. C. 1.

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of the glorious Patriot Queen ELIZABETH, of King *James* the First, *Charles* the Second, and *William* and *Mary*, to the THRONE of IRELAND.

YOUR MAJESTY is, therefore, to all Intents and Purposes, as fully and absolutely, KING of IRELAND, as YOU are *King* of *Great Britain*, or *Elect*or of *Hanover*.

IRELAND can owe YOUR MAJESTY, no more Duty, or Allegiance, merely, as King of *England*; than is prescribed, by these and other *Irish* Statutes. Nor, more, than *England* would have done to YOUR MAJESTY, as King of *France*; had YOUR Predecessors maintained their Right and Possession in that Kingdom, and established the Residence of the Crown therein: Nor, more, than *Scotland* did, to our Kings before the *Union*; or, than the *Elect*orate of *Hanover*, now, does.

THE Councils of the Three States, of *Great Britain*, *Ireland* and *Hanover*, in which YOUR MAJESTY, actually, or virtually, presides; must, therefore, be equally free, and independent of each other. And, in Truth, were it otherwise, direful Distraction, perhaps, Anarchy, must ensue.

I SHALL not, at present, trouble YOUR MAJESTY, with a minute Detail of the, almost, numberless Breaches, made in the, once glorious, Constitution of this Kingdom: This does not come within the Scope of my present Compass. But, I must beg YOUR MAJESTY's Permission, to offer a few general Remarks; which, I humbly

bly apprehend, must demand YOUR ROYAL Attention.

IN a Government, so wisely constituted, as ours, it is impossible, the King should have an Interest, in any Sort incompatible with, or even separate, or distinct from, that of his faithful Subjects. Nay, it is not possible, that the *Lives*, *Liberties*, or *Properties*, of the meanest of the People, should be, in any Measure, illegally invaded, without Redress; and the Sovereign not, more immediately, or remotely, feel the Shock; however it's Force may, for a while, be palliated, or rendered imperceptible.

IF this Position be just, I would, most humbly and earnestly, beg, YOUR MAJESTY may seriously weigh this important Point; and, then, judge, what Censure can be too severe for those, who, in former Reigns, have rejected, or trampled under Foot, these UNALTERABLE PRINCIPLES of our Policy;—Who have, vainly and wickedly, set up the Interest of the *Crown*, in direct Opposition to that of the *People*;—Who have, by sundry, artful, fallacious Insinuations, not only, secretly, raised and fomented a Distrust and Aversion in the *King* to his *People*; but, made that Distrust and Aversion *reciprocal* and *lasting*;—Who, in order to create and maintain a shameful, servile, and anticonstitutional Dependence upon themselves, have, by packing, or corrupting Parlements, multiplied *Debts*, *Taxes* and *Penal Laws*, to the most boundless and insufferable Excess;—Who, thus armed, have raised and supported immense Crowds,
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of unnecessary, pernicious Placemen, and useless and burthenfome Pensioners, and other destructive Drones and vile Mercenaries; and inlisted them, publicly, under the impudent Titule of, *The Court Party*; in other Words, *the Tools of the Ministry*.

LET me entreat YOUR MAJESTY, now, to turn YOUR Eye towards the other Side; and, observe, what has ever been the necessary Consequence, of these horrible Measures.

WHENEVER these base and dangerous Projects, of a *Ministry*, were discovered; all those, who were desirous to obviate the impending Destruction of their Country, found it necessary, to associate, and, in Contradistinction, to stile themselves, by as hateful an Appellation, *The Country Party*.

THESE, at first, sprang up, merely, in Opposition to the *Court*, or *ministerial Party*, and in pure Defence of the national Constitution. But, by sundry Slights, and repeated Acts of Oppression and Violence, they have sometimes been driven, into downright Desperation; much farther, indeed, than, at first, could have been intended, or suspected: For, in order to strengthen and support their Party, they were necessitated to receive all Volunteers, whether *Aliens*, or others; and so, admitted many *masqued*, as well, as *avowed Enemies* of our Establishment, into their *motley Corps*.

THESE malignant Measures could not fail, of gaining us Discredit and Contempt, abroad; as well, as of raising Jealousies and Discontents, at home; the unhappy Consequences of which are sensibly felt, to this Day.

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IT can be of no light Moment to YOUR MAJESTY, to enquire and learn, by whom, and for what Purposes, the Nation was, thus, divided against its Self. ——— Do these horrible, anti-constitutional Distinctions, and Party Appellations still subsist, in *Great Britain*, as well as in *Ireland*? And can they be kept, in any Degree, on foot, by Friends to YOUR MAJESTY's private, or political Person? to YOUR Family? to YOUR Government? Can such FOMENTERS of Faction be looked on, as LOVERS of the LIBERTIES of our COMMON WEALTHS? or, as Friends to Mankind, or to themselves? No; not possibly. If such there be, however dignified with Rank and Titule, they must be worse and more dangerous ENEMIES to YOUR MAJESTY, to YOUR ROYAL FAMILY, to YOUR Government, and to YOUR loyal Subjects, in general; and deserve no less opprobrious Appellations, and much more rigorous Punishment, than the unthinking, misguided Rabble, who of late, like the impious, but, impotent *Giants*, in the Fable; fought, in vain, to overturn our happy Establishment, by lawless Force of Arms.

OF the latter Class, none have dared to shew themselves, in this Kingdom; since their Fury was raised, and let loose upon us, by *high Authority*, about our Century passed: But, of the former, we have felt the direful Influence and Effect, much later.

THE principal Means, by which a wicked Ministry can hope to complete it's fell Machinations, are, by poisoning the VITAL SPRING of our Constitution; by introducing *sinister Influence*
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and *Venality*, into the ELECTIONS of Members of Parleмент ; or, which has been practised with greater Ease and Success ; by *bribing* and *corrupting* them, in the House.

WHEN the Parlements of these Kingdoms have been of this Mould, of which we have many melancholy Instances, in former Ages ; they generally combined, in invading and violating the most sacred Rights, as well of the King, as People.

WITH Regard to this Kingdom, the Parlements of *England* have, for some Time, treated it no better, than if it were a *conquered Province*, or a *dependent Colony*. These Parlements have been, for the most Part, active ; and made their oppressive, their iniquitous Incroachments, while the Parlements of *Ireland* were shamefully passive, and most perfidiously yielding.

To enumerate all the Grievances, from these Quarters would swell this Address, beyond the intended Limits : I shall, therefore, with YOUR MAJESTY'S Permission, content myself, with touching upon the principal and most affecting Articles, of this Invasion on our Constitution.

OUR Enemies are obliged to confess, what is fully attested, by the most authentic Records ; that IRELAND is a KINGDOM, upon as firm an Establishment, as any in *Europe*. And it is evident to Demonstration, that OUR KING, PARLEMENTS, and *Courts of Justice*, cannot, justly, or legally, acknowledge, or even know, any *Superior* *.

* Act of Faculties, 19 Hen. viii.

YET, notwithstanding, there have been Parlements, in *England*, within this last Century, not before; who have assumed a *Superiority* over the KING and CONSTITUTION of IRELAND; which makes the most shocking *Solecism* in the Government.

THESE Parlements have Spoiled YOUR MAJESTY of the most inestimable Jewel of YOUR IRISH Crown; the highest, most invaluable and most sacred of YOUR ROYAL PREROGATIVES, in this KINGDOM; YOUR SOVEREIGN POWER and LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY and SUPREME JURISDICTION in YOUR PARLEMENTS.

BY this, YOUR MAJESTY and YOUR MOST HIGH COURT OF PARLEMENT, and, with that, YOUR whole People of IRELAND have been, contrary to Reason, Justice and Law, rendered, in all Points, subject and subservient to, and dependent on, the absolute Will of the Parlement of *Great Britain*; to the inexpres- sible Diminution, I had almost said, to the An- nihilation, of the Prerogatives, Honor and Dig- nity of YOUR Crown, as KING of IRELAND; to the curtailing, if not abolishing, the prin- cipal Part of the Power, Privilege and Autho- rity of the Parlement; and the unspeakable De- triment of the most dutiful and faithful Subjects of YOUR most antient and loyal KINGDOM; I might have said, to the general Subversion of the NATIONAL CONSTITUTION; which no loyal Subject, no honest Man, can behold, without Anxiety! without Indignation! without Horror!

THUS far, as to the national Affairs, I thought it necessary, and my bounden Duty, to disbur-
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den my Conscience to YOUR MAJESTY. I am ready to go farther, whenever I am honored with YOUR ROYAL Commands, or Countenance.

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As to the Affairs of this City, in which, I am more conversant, and for which, I am, more immediately and sensibly concerned; I shall, with MY SOVEREIGN's Permission, be somewhat more particular.

THE ANNEXED CHARTER, or Exemplification of our antient Charters, confirmed by Act of Parlement, will sufficiently shew YOUR MAJESTY, in what high Estimation this City was held by all the preceding Kings; and, indeed, all the subsequent Charters breathe the same Sentiments.

THE great Possessions, Franchises and Immunities, repeatedly granted to the Citizens, and the expressed Considerations of the different Donations demonstrate, of what Consequence this City must, always, have been found, to the King and Country; through the invariable Loyalty, and invincible Valor of the Citizens; and, accordingly, their LIBERTIES were extended, and their Privileges established, as the best Reward for, as well, as the most powerful Incentive to, Perseverance in these Virtues.

THESE GRANTS were augmented, in many Instances, and confirmed, in most, by divers Charters from the Generality of the succeeding Kings.

RICHARD the Third, though a most arbitrary, cruel, and blood-thirsty Tyrant, improved the
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Constitution of this City, by several Grants; particularly, by making the *Mayor* and *Recorder* Justices of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, as well by Sea, as Land.

KING *Edward* the Sixth constituted the *Bailiffs*, *Sherifs*, and the City and it's Liberties, a *County*, within it's self. And, by this Charter, he established the Titule of the Corporation, *Mayor*, *Sherifs*, *Commons* and *Citizens*.

KING *Charles* the First, reciting an antient, prescriptive Right and Custom, of the *Mayor*, *Bailiffs*, *Commons* and *Citizens*, or Corporation, at large; of choosing twenty-four of their Body, or Community, into the Office and Place of *Aldermen*; makes six of the *Aldermen*, so chosen, Justices of the Peace, to have Succession, by Election; and the *Mayor*, for the Time being, a *Lord*, and his Wife, a *Lady*.

KING *Charles* the Second, in Consideration of the approved Loyalty of the Citizens, and their extraordinary Losses and Sufferings, by their firm Attachment and Fidelity to the Government, especially, during the great Rebellion; granted the City, sundry Tolls and Customs, and a Pension of five hundred Pounds a Year, for ever.

YOUR ROYAL FATHER granted the City, three hundred Pounds a Year. This YOUR MAJESTY has been most graciously pleased to continue. And, in order to enlarge the Number of *Justices* in the City; to grant, that every *Alderman*, chosen as above, and passed the Office of *Mayor*, should be a *Justice* of the Peace.

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By the several Charters granted to the City, and the several Powers, as well implied, as expressed, which are incident to the Creation of a Corporation ; this City was made to consist of a *Lord Mayor, Sherifs, Commons and Citizens* ; who are the sole Proprietors of the Corporation, it's Possessions, Liberties, Franchises, &c. and by whom, and in whose Name, alone, all corporate Acts are to be, for ever, performed.

THE constituent Parts of this Corporation, then, are, First ; *the Lord Mayor*, who is the Chief Magistrate, or *Head* of the Community : Secondly ; *the Sherifs* ; two Subordinate Magistrates, or Officers, who are *Wardens* of the Franchises ; and whose Office is, partly, judicial, partly, ministerial ; as well for the Crown, as the City ; and who, though *two*, in Number, are but *one*, in the Eye of the Law : Thirdly ; of the *Commons*, or Common Council ; consisting of all those, who have served the Office of *Sherif*, not exceeding the Number of Fourty ; and a determined Number of Representatives, from each Corporation, or Company, within the City : And, fourthly ; of the *Citizens*, and indefinite Number of Freemen.

THE Office and Duty of the *Mayor*, and *Sherifs*, are, partly, set forth in the following Charter, and partly in Acts of Parleмент.

THE COMMONS were intrusted, by their Constituents, with the Power of proposing and transacting all the Affairs of the incorporate Body. But, to provide against the Corruption and Degeneracy, to which human Nature is exposed, when

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when an unlimited Power is absolutely vested in the Hands of a few ; the wise Founders, or Architects of this civil Institution, made an happy Improvement on the old *Roman Tribunitian Power* : For, instead of vesting a Negative in any single Person ; it was instituted, that a Negative should be retained in the Body of the Citizens, at large, which was to be, thus, exercised. *to be taken*

THE COMMON COUNCIL were appointed, on certain stated Days to assemble ; to consult, to deliberate upon, and to transact all Matters relating to the City. But, it was wisely and justly provided, that at the Close of every Assembly, or Council, the City Bell should ring, the Magistrates and Council should be seated, in the *Guild-Hall*, or open Court of the City ; where, upon stopping the Bell, the Crier should make a public, formal Proclamation, to convoke the Citizens. *to be taken*

THIS is the Court of *Darein Hundred*. In this, all the Acts of the Day, are to be read, aloud. Here every Citizen has a Right to prohibit any Act, he apprehends unjust, or injurious. And, if he be seconded, the Act, so prohibited, becomes invalid ; unless it receives the Sanction of the Majority of the Citizens, upon a general Poll.

FOR the further and more effectual Security of the Rights and Privileges of the Commons and Citizens, from the Incroachments of Strangers, or neighbouring great Men ; it was, in Parlement, enacted, * “ That no City, or great

* 10 Hen. vii.

Town, in this Kingdom, shall receive, or admit any Person to be an *Alderman*, *Juror*, or *Freeman*; but such as have served an Apprenticeship in, and continue resident of, such City, or Town. Nor shall they admit any *Lords*, or other Persons to their Congregations, or Councils, except their *Recorder*, or retained Lawyers."

By these, I hope, it is evident to YOUR MAJESTY, that the Laws have, thus, made ours, one of the wisest, freest, happiest, and most perfect Systems of civil Society.

ALL the Privileges and Advantages, that Man could, justly, wish for, were granted and secured to the whole City. She had Opulence; she had Liberty. Neither of which could have been wrested from her, without the Consent of the Citizens. No Citizen could be poor, while the City was rich. No Citizen could be a Slave, while the City was free. Every Citizen had an equal Right to be chosen to all the Offices of Honor, Profit, or Trust, in the City; and a Vote in the Election of all the Magistrates, Officers and Servants of the Corporation.

HAD this been still the Case, there would have been no Murmurs, no Complaints in our Streets; no Information offered in the Courts of Justice; no Application to the Government; no Appeal to YOUR MAJESTY.

BUT, with inexpressible Grief and Anxiety! I beg Leave to inform YOUR MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY, that little more than the Shadow, the bare, outward Form, the empty Name of this most excellent Constitution is, now, left YOUR most faithful, dutiful, loyal and loving Subjects,

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Subjects, the Citizens of this YOUR MAJESTY'S most antient and loyal City !

THERE is not a considerable Privilege, however Fundamental, however Sacred ; that has not been invaded and violated ! We have in many Instances, lost, not only, the Substance, but even, the Shadow or Form of this Constitution ; insomuch, that the very Traces of our antient Liberties and Franchises are, almost, totally effaced and obliterated !

FOREIGNERS and Aliens are upon a better Footing, in this City, than those, who, by Birth, by Services, or at the Expence of their Treasure ; have obtained their Freedom ! The great LIBERTIES and FRANCHISES, which must have been the best Stake and the noblest Prize, for which a Citizen could contend ; are almost unknown to the Citizens. Nor have we any thing, now left, to engage us to defend the City, except private Property, and a Sense of our Duty to YOUR MAJESTY, and to the Sickly National Constitution !

IT is true, GREAT SIR, we have a Person among us, who bears the Titule and Authority of the *Chief Magistrate* ; but, he is neither elected, appointed, nor approved, by the Commons, or Citizens.

WE have these Officers, also, who are called, and officiate as, *Sherifs* ; but, they are, in no Sort, elected, appointed, or approved, by the Commons, or Citizens. And, though, by express Authority of Parleмент, no *Alderman* can sit among the *Commons* ; yet, the *two Sherifs*, who must preside in the *Commons*, are often

often made *Aldermen*, and, nevertheless, act, as *Sherifs*. While I am writing this Address, we feel this Grievance, in Part; one of our *Sherifs* being made and stiled an *Alderman*.

WE have twenty-four Gentlemen, who assume the Rank and Titule of *Aldermen*; yet, by what Law, or Authority, we know not. But, to our Shame and Sorrow! we find, that not one of the Set, is elected or appointed, agreeable to the primitive, wise Institution, or to the Practice, that appears, by our Records, to have prevailed from the Foundation; particularly, from the Reign of King *Charles* the First, of melancholy Memory; who granted the first Charter, in which, the Word *Alderman* is mentioned, and in which they are recited, *to have been time immemorial*, created, or *elected by the Mayor, Bailiffs, Commons and Citizens, or Corporation, at large*; to the Reign of YOUR ROYAL FATHER, of most grateful Memory.

SEVERAL of those, who are now called, and act as, *Aldermen*, are, apparently disqualified, for these Places, by express human, as well as natural Laws: While the whole Board, demonstrably, evidently, confessedly, exercise Powers unprecedented, and unwarranted by Justice and Law; nay, unknown to the Constitution!

WE have *Commons*; but, they cannot be looked upon, as the *Representatives* of the People: For, by an illicit, an iniquitous Act of the servile *Privy-Council* of a King, who broke Faith with his natural Allies, as well, as with his Subjects, and became a Pensioner and Confederate, to and with, the natural, the implacable Enemy of his Kingdoms;

Kingdoms ; under a most unjust, anticonstitutional Act, of a corrupt and inflaved Parlement, documented to let an Inundation of *destructive arbitrary Power*, and *fell, papal Tyranny* overwhelm this Kingdom, in general ; this City, in particular ; a most considerable Share in the appointment of the Commons, as well, as the Election of the three greatest Officers of the City, the *Lord Mayor, Sherifs and Treasurer* ; is vested in the *Aldermen*.

AND, though the negative Power of the Citizens, in the Court of DAREIN HUNDRED, is, become more important and necessary, than ever, by these Measures ; yet, is it quite neglected, disregarded, or rendered of none Effect, by the *Aldermen*.

THUS, the entire Government of this populous City, the Dispensation of it's Liberties and Franchises, and the disposal of it's Estates and Revenues, which would have been very considerable, had they not been basely prostituted, extravagantly wasted, or fraudulently converted into private Property, under such an Administration ; are assumed by twenty-four Gentlemen, called *Aldermen*, for Reasons, solely known to themselves.

THESE GENTLEMEN, now, affect to Stile themselves, *THE CITY* ; and, in many Instances, act for, or in the Name of, the whole Corporation. And, yet, they have not been contented with rendering the Commons and Citizens, in general, mere *Beasts of Burden* to the Board, *Cyphers*, to advance the value of the *Aldermen* ; but,
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they have, illegally, forcibly, expelled them apart of the Government of the City; and, the better to secure the Usurpation; the *Aldermen* have, contrary to express Laws, admitted several *Lords*, and other great *Men*, to sit in the Councils of the City, on Affairs relating to the Hospital and Free School of the City; the Government of which is, absolutely, expressly, vested, by Charter, in the *Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Commons* and *Citizens* and *their Successors*, for Ever. Nay, so secure and hardy are the *Aldermen*, now, grown, in their Abuses of this Charter; that *one* of them, against a wise and positive Precept of the ROYAL FOUNDER; has become a *Tenant* to the Corporation; and though he has run several hundred Pounds, in *arrear* of Rent, now, positively refuses to pay any, or make any Attonement, or Satisfaction to the Corporation.

THESE, *may it please* YOUR MAJESTY! are incontestible Facts, melancholy Truths! of which, I shall be ready, whenever and wheresoever YOUR MAJESTY shall please to command me, to give positive, legal Proof. How far, it may be consistent with the Principles of Protestants, with the Duty of good Citizens, loyal Subjects, or honest Men, to acquiesce under such slavish Impositions, such destructive Abuses, without an Information, without an Appeal to OUR SOVEREIGN, I submit, with all due Deference, Respect and Humility, to YOUR MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY.

YOUR MAJESTY is the SUPREME GUARDIAN of the RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of all YOUR People, in general. You are the FOUNDER, or
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Representative of the FOUNDER of all Incorporate Bodies. Therefore, YOUR CITIZENS come more particularly, more immediately, under YOUR ROYAL Care and Protection.

YET, notwithstanding ; I did not presume to make this direct, personal Application to YOUR MAJESTY, till all the ordinary Means of Redress had been attempted, in vain.

THE *Aldermen*, by whom the City has been impoverished, and the civil Constitution, broken, and thus, overturned ; have been, long and frequently, solicited, in the most persuasive Terms, by the Commons and Citizens, to restore the Constitution of the City and the Liberties of the Citizens ; but, to no Purpose.

THE COMMONS, in the Year 1741, more vigorously opposed the destructive Measures of the *Aldermen*. And, finding no Prospect of Redress, in the City Courts; they were constrained to have Recourse to Common Law ; in which they were supported, by the Citizens.

UPON the Advice of YOUR MAJESTY'S *Prime Serjeant*, *Attorney General*, and many other eminent Lawyers ; we commenced a Suit against the *Aldermen*, in YOUR MAJESTY'S *Bench* ; for usurping the Right and Privilege of electing Aldermen.

BY the Confession of the Court, we made out an ORIGINAL and INHERENT RIGHT, to that Election, in the Commons and Citizens. The Court, further, declared, that if the *Attorney General* appeared in Behalf of the Crown, our Suit must be granted ; and, that the like De-

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mand with ours, should not, nay, could not, be one Moment refused, in any inferior Corporation, in the Kingdom.

OUR Demand was no less, than to be admitted to try, by due Course of Law, a Matter of Right and Property of the utmost Consequence, to many thousands of YOUR MAJESTY's best Subjects. Yet, how shall I shock MY SOVEREIGN's Ear, with the Relation!--Those, who were intrusted with dispensing Law and Justice to YOUR PEOPLE, even, with the *Custody* of YOUR MAJESTY's *most solemn Oath*; for Reasons, best known to themselves; judged it *expedient*, though they could not say, it was *legal*; to give us a peremptory Denial! They refused to admit us, to bring the Matters in Contest to a final Determination, by a full, and judicial Trial; and took upon them to determine, upon a mere Motion, in which the Merits of the Cause could not, possibly, appear; what was only to be determined by the Verdict of a Jury!

HERE, YOUR MAJESTY may please to observe, that an oppressive Innovation in the Constitution of this City, was attended with a shocking Breach of one of the FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES of the national Constitution; instead of the just and necessary Redress, or Reparation!

PERMIT me to ask, MY MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN, what was to be done under these sad Circumstances?--Who could, unaffected, see such dismal, such fatal Wounds offered the whole Constitution; such daring Insults to the Crown; such Injuries to the Subject? Were these to be tamely, tacitly, slavishly born?--No; he must be
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utterly unworthy of such a CONSTITUTION, of such a KING, as OURS, who would not pursue the highest Offenders to the ultimate Resort.

THEREFORE, as I had borne a principal Part in the Prosecution of the Affair, as a *Citizen*, and as one of the *Trustees* of the *Sherifs* and *Commons*; I thought it, in an especial Manner, incumbent on me, to compleane of these dangerous, these destructive Proceedings, to an higher Power.

ACCORDINGLY, in Behalf of my self, and the rest of the oppressed Citizens of this distressed City; I presented a printed State of the Case, intituled the *COMPLAINTS* of DUBLIN, and containing full and just Information of our Grievances, to the Lord *Harrington*, then, YOUR MAJESTY's *Vice-gerent*, in this Kingdom.

HIS EXCELLENCY thought it fit to admit me to an Audience; seemed much affected with the Recital of our complicated Distresses; promised to look narrowly into our *Complaints*, and to use his utmost Might to procure us a full and speedy Redress.

BUT, with just Concern! I beg Leave to inform YOUR MAJESTY, that so far were the Complainants, from obtaining any Kind of Satisfaction; that I could never after gain, so much, as Access to HIS EXCELLENCY's Presence.

THUS, YOUR MAJESTY may now see, that, under the best of Kings, the noblest Form of Government, and the most wise and free System of Policy; the Subjects are liable to be spoiled of all the Benefits of the Constitution, and reduced
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to a State, little better, than down-right *Slavery* ; and yet, the *Invaders*, of our RIGHTS and LIBERTIES, without YOUR MAJESTY'S Interposition ; may pass unpunished, uncensured !

IT is thus, the giddy Multitude, who are unable to distinguish between the Actions of Kings, and those of a subordinate Administration, and are seldom capable of judging better, than from Events ; may be taught to discredit and condemn that Government, however great, however excellent, under which, they cannot fully and securely enjoy their Freedom and Rights, and the general Benefits of their Constitution.

As he, who injures his Neighbour, or the Public, within the Law, or under it's Color, or Sanction, is the worst and most dangerous *Villain* ; so, he, who is intrusted with any Branch of the Administration of the State, and neglects, or abuses his Office, is the worst and most dangerous *Enemy* to the KING and to HIS PEOPLE.

IT is the Duty of every Member of our Community, to detect and point out all such *Malefactors*, however dignified with Place, or Titule : He, who sees and perceives Wounds given the *Head*, or *any part* of our Body, which, if repeated and permitted to pass unpunished and unremedied ; may, in the end, prove fatal to the whole frame ; without attempting all just means of present redress, and future Security ; is a most unworthy, an unnatural Member of our Body Politic, and, in my Apprehension ; not much better, than a *tame Slave*, or a *corrupt Traitor*.

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MY SOVEREIGN, that I declare, I neither can, nor will ; and, that I am determined to discharge the Duty of a Citizen, of a Subject, of a Man, be the Consequence, what it may. Therefore, I have thus ventured to acquit myself, committing the Event to DIVINE PROVIDENCE, and to YOUR MAJESTY.

I AM well aware, that the Time has been, when the *British* Court, as well, as others, was crowded with those, who were more busy and solicitous to suppress such Truths, as these, than to bring them to the SOVEREIGN's Ear.

WITH Men of that Cast, an Address, like this, in a simple, home-spun Dress, and from an humble, obscure Citizen, though a most loyal, dutiful, and loving Subject, might not be hoped to gain Access to the King ; or if, by any Accident, it had that Fortune ; it would be likely to be misconstrued and misrepresented, or treated, as a Piece of Insolence and Disaffection.

I HOPE the Success of this Address will, evidently, prove YOUR MAJESTY's Court, now, free of such, false Counsellors.

BUT, however wicked Ministers might, heretofore, have screened themselves behind the Throne ; however they might have abused the sacred Name and Authority of Majesty, to give Sanction to their audacious Iniquities ; however they might have affected, to call every honest Attempt to oppose, or expose their anticonstitutional Measures, Disaffection to the Government ; however assiduously they might have endeavored, to stifle all Complaints, against general Abuses,
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Corruptions, or Oppressions ; conscious that such must, probably, have extended, directly, or indirectly, to the Administration of them, their Brethren, Confederates, or Minions ; however malignantly they might have represented such, as sought to detect their destructive Views, as a seditious, disaffected Malecontent ; yet, such *Opposition, Sedition, Disaffection* and *Discontent* must be deemed public VIRTUES, true and genuine LOYALTY, while Reason, Justice and Liberty, are allowed to hold the Ballance ; let such Criminals have censured them, as they would.

THEREFORE, while YOUR MAJESTY judges of this poor Attempt, by the Strength of YOUR own unbiassed Sense and Humanity, I have nothing to fear from the most subtil, false Insinuations.

WE have the wise King's Word for it ; *that the Man, diligent in his Business, shall stand before Princes, he shall not stand before mean Men.*

I FLATTER my self, that my Diligence and Industry, as a Tradesman, as well, as my Loyalty and Fidelity, as a Subject, intitule me to this Privilege.--Let me, then, stand and be judged before MY SOVEREIGN only.

IT is a stale Art of Ministers and ministerial Writers, to have represented YOUR MAJESTY's best *British* Subjects, as a *giddy, restless, fickle and discontented People* ; to reproach them, with having, generally, proved *fond of Change of Government, and often troublesome and uneasy to some of the best of their Kings.*

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I SHALL, for the present, take the Truth of this, seeming, heinous Charge, for granted. But, as the real Cause, in this, and every such Case, is artfully concealed; I must beg Leave to reveal, and offer it to YOUR MAJESTY's Consideration.

THE fundamental Laws of our Constitution have provided, that *our King can do no Wrong*.

BUT, though no such provision is, or can be made, with regard to his *Ministers*; we find, that the *Ministry* have, heretofore, often assumed the Authority and Sanction of the Crown; and, under that cover, through the Weight of their Power and Influence, have oppressed and enslaved the People, and well nigh sapped the very Foundation of our Constitutions :

FOR, while the King has been artfully kept an absolute Stranger to the Iniquity of their Administration; while he has been led into false security, from the Number and strength of *civil, ecclesiastic and military Mercenaries*, raised and kept in the Pay of the Public, for the pernicious Purposes of the *Ministry*; the undiscerning Multitude have, inconsiderately, imputed the Faults and Misconduct of the *Ministry*, to the KING; pointed their Resentment to nothing less, than the overturning the whole Frame of Government, and contented themselves with nothing, till the general Indignation has burst forth, in the Horrors of an Insurrection, or Rebellion !

THESE were dangerous Measures! dreadful Consequences! which every prudent, every good Man would and should, always be ready to suppress, or prevent; at the Expence of his Fortune, and at the

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Peril of his Life.----Among such, I shall never be the last.

GIVE me Leave, to observe, to MY MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN; that nothing is more hateful, more offensive to the Ears of a *British* Subject, than the very Name of a *Prime Minister*. It is an Office, that can only, properly subsist, where the Power of the Crown is, by some Means or other, rendered absolute. Nothing can so much endanger any free State, as the unbounded Power usually assumed by an *over-grown Ministry*. Nothing can tend more to the rendering Parlements of none Effect; to the Establishment of *Tyranny*, under the irresistible, the sacred Form and Sanction of Law.

IF the illicit Power of the *Ministry* should be permitted to rise to the *Gigantic* Height, in which the People have sometimes beheld it, with Amazement and Horror; when the Ministry were known to fill all the Offices of the *State*, the *Church* and the *Army*, at Pleasure; or to make as many *new Places*, or *Pensioners*; or to create as many *Peers*, as they listed; or as they found necessary to raise and confirm the public Dependence upon them; which has been the Case sometime within this Century; what Security can be offered, that it may not, in the End, prove formidable to the CROWN, as it has often done to the LIBERTIES of the Subject?

THERE is nothing more probable, than that he, who would enslave or disfranchise, the meanest Citizen, or Subject, would, were he possessed of equal Power; dethrone HIS SOVEREIGN, *in Fact*, as well, as *in Effect*; to gratify the same savage Ambition.

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Ambition. It can, therefore, never be safe, or just to trust such Men, with any Power, in the Public Administration.

I MUST beg Leave to observe further, to YOUR MAJESTY, that there is nothing more evident, from the antient and modern Histories of *England*, than that wise and just Kings, who laid themselves out for learning and maintaining the Constitution of their Country; reigned long, securely and happily, and flourished, amidst numberless Efforts of powerful foreign and active domestic Enemies, to disturb and cut short their Reigns.

SUCH patriot Princes ever found more real Strength and lasting Security, in the *pure Affections* of a FREE, BRAVE and GRATEFUL PEOPLE, than *others* could possibly obtain, from the most numerous Bands of *servile, venal Pensioners*, or the most powerful *mercenary Fleets, or Armies*.

NAY, even, weak and wicked Kings, who have had the good Fortune to appoint *wise and virtuous* Men, their *Ministers*; gained the Love and free Allegiance of their Subjects, reigned long, with Glory and Renown, and may be said, still to live and reign in the grateful Memories of a FREE PEOPLE: While some of the best, the most constitutional of our Kings, by unhappily lighting on, and implicitly confiding in, *wicked and corrupt Counsellors*; have insensibly lost the Affection of their People, the surest and best Bond of Allegiance; have had their Reigns disturbed and interrupted, by *Parties and Factions, Tumults and Rebellions*, which ended not, but

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with their Lives : So just has this divine Maxim, in all Ages, proved ; *Remove the evil Counsellor, from before the KING ; so shall his Throne be established in Righteousness.*

HENCE, I hope, it is apparent to YOUR MAJESTY, that, when any Degree of Discontent is raised among the People ; it is the indispensable Duty of every Subject to inform YOUR MAJESTY, and to point out the Cause. YOUR Wisdom and Justice will then, direct YOUR MAJESTY to look speedily and strictly into the Matter ; and, by removing the Cause, to make the Effect cease.

IF any of the Subjects have Cause ; they have the undoubted Privilege to complane, and an equal Right to be heard. And, till their Grievances are justly and legally redressed, or put into a legal Method of Redress ; the Government is, in that Instance, actually suspended ; consequently weakened and endangered. And there can not be a perfect Restoration, till a full and perfect Redress of Grievances be effected. *

SOME, then, of YOUR MAJESTY's best Subjects have cause, do complane ; but, are neither properly heard, nor, in any Measure, redressed, by the subordinate Administration. The ghastly, the deadly Wound now lies open and bleeding ! It is YOURS alone, GREAT SIR, to apply the comforting, the healing *Balm*.

* KING JOHN'S MAGNA CHARTA, ART. 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78.

SUCH, as conceal, or obstruct the Complaints, or Redress of the Public, or political Grievances of the meanest of YOUR MAJESTY's Subjects, as much, as in them lies, strike at the Foundation of our Government, absolve the injured Complainants from their Allegiance, and reduces them from a regular, established civil Society; to a disorderly, loose state of Nature.

I BESEECH YOUR MAJESTY, with great Humility; to consider, what Evils have not been produced, what Evils are not to be dreaded, from with-holding JUSTICE, LAW and LIBERTY, the KING's *Prerogative* and the Subject's BIRTH-RIGHT, the very *Vitals* of the *Body Politic*, from the Members of the Community.——Who are answerable for the direfull, the dreadfull Consequences? And who, that considers those weighty Matters, can be thought just, or loyal to the KING, or CONSTITUTION, without offering, or endeavoring to offer, the best Hints, or Informations, he can afford, to YOUR MAJESTY's View?——I have done no more.

THUS, as far, as my present Circumstances would permit, I have endeavored to acquit my Conscience, in laying before YOUR MAJESTY, some short Sketches of our CAPITAL GRIEVANCES, which none, under YOUR MAJESTY, can now Redress.

I AM persuaded, that from PRINCIPLE, as well, as from a just Sense of the SOLEMN ENGAGEMENTS, YOUR MAJESTY has made to YOUR PEOPLE; YOU will put an End to our Sufferings, and restore and confirm the Strength, Peace and Order of the Constitution, in all Points.

Now,

Now, to conclude. LIBERTY is the *inde-feasible* BIRTH-RIGHT of every Subject of IRELAND, as well, as of *Great-Britain*. By this, We are eminently distinguished from the rest of the World; while we enjoy it essentially, as well, as nominally.

To LIBERTY, we owe the many signal Blessings, peculiar to our Establishments; the wise Constitutions of our respective Governments, in general; and which is not the least of our Blessings; that YOUR MAJESTY'S FAMILY was called to hold the Reins of these great Governments.

WHILE We are supported in the full and perfect Enjoyment of that LIBERTY, We have a most inestimable Stake, a most glorious Prize to contend for. To ballance this, the whole Universe can have nothing to offer. And while We possess it, our Governments can have nothing to fear from the united Powers of the Globe.

BUT, if ever We come to be divested of this LIBERTY, the *Vivifying Spirit*, the *Genius* of OUR CONSTITUTIONS; then, that unshaken Valor, and those manly Virtues, that have, long exalted Us, above our Neighbours; must expire, and we shall dwindle into pishè Pigmies, Sottish Slaves and wretched Reprobates! Our Vices will reduce Us, to such a State of abject Pusillanimity, as must render Us incapable of defending Our *King*, Our Country, Our Families, or Ourselves! Instead of it's being the highest Honor to rule Us; it will, then, be such an Infamy and Disgrace, that none, but a *Tyrant* can submit to the base Task; to which none of YOUR ROYAL FAMILY can be supposed capable to stoop!

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AS in the DIVINE LAW, *He that offends in a Single Point, is guilty of the Whole*; So, in the LAW of LIBERTY; He that robs a Single Member of his Freedom, *in a Single Point*; robs the Whole Body.

THESE are the ARDUOUS AFFAIRS, that deserve, that demand the KING's Attention. These Points duly regarded, must give more resplendent Lustre to YOUR Reign, and add greater Strength and Stability to YOUR MAJESTY's Throne, than the *Smiles of Courtiers*, or the *Swords of Soldiers*.

To minister, though ever so humbly; to this great and desirable End, has been, now is, and ever shall be the chief Bent and Purpose of my sincere, however weak, Endeavors.

LIFE can have no Charm, no Comfort, without LIBERTY. Whoever would make YOUR REIGN Glorious, must make YOUR PEOPLE happy. Their Happiness, as well, as YOUR MAJESTY's, must ever, depend upon THEIR FREEDOM. For this, then, every good Man must watch and contend, under the Laws of his Country, for the Common Weal; which he must ever hold preferable to his private Interest. For this, it is, I now appeal to YOUR MAJESTY.

IT is common with Dedicators, to expect some Boon from their Patrons. And they, therefore, choose Men of the highest Ranks; only to obtain the higher Favors.

BUT, MY MOST SERENE SOVEREIGN, I look for no Boon, no Favor, at YOUR ROYAL HANDS; but what is required by the Laws of GOD and our Country, from YOUR MAJESTY; which, I
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am persuaded, you will, unasked, be ever ready to grant and perform; *to do JUSTICE, to love MERCY, and to walk humbly with thy GOD.* These done, We may be well assured, that the **ALMIGHTY** Ruler of Princes will *shew the KING his Judgments and his Righteousness to the King's SON.*

AND, now, if **YOUR MAJESTY** will graciously please to accept this poor, but well intended Performance, as the best *Tribute* I can offer; I shall judge it more, than a Recompence for any Labor of,

May it please YOUR MAJESTY!

YOUR MAJESTY'S

Most loyal,

Most dutiful,

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And

Most faithful Subject

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Servant,

DUBLIN,
May 15th, 1749.

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Edwardus, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie*,¹
et *Francie*, et Dominus *Hibernie*; Archiepis-
copis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Du-
cibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciarijs, Vice-
comitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Bal-
livis, et Fidelibus Suis, SALUTEM: **Inspeci-**²
mus Cartam *Henrici Sexti*, nuper Regis *Anglie*,
Predecessoris nostri, nuper factam, in hec Verba;
Henricus, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie* et *Francie*,
et Dominus *Hibernie*; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis,
Abbatibus, Prioribus, Ducibus, Comitibus, Ba-
ronibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis,
G Ministris,

- Ministris, et omnibus Ballivis, et Fidelibus Suis,
 3 Salutem : **Insuperimus** Cartam nostram de Confirmatione, sub Magno Sigillo nostro Terre nostre *Hibernie* sigillatam, factam in hec verba ; **Henricus**, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie* et *Francie*, et Dominus *Hibernie*, universis & singulis Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Ducibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Majoribus, Superioribus, Prepositis, Ballivis, Ministris, et alijs Fidelibus Suis, SALUTEM : **In-**
 4 **superimus** Cartam Confirmationis, quam Dominus *Henricus* quartus, nuper Rex *Anglie*, Avus noster carissimus, sub magno Sigillo suo *Anglie*, fecit, in hec verba ; **Henricus**, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie* & *Francie*, & Dominus *Hibernie* ; omnibus, ad quos *presentes Littere* pervenerint, SALUTEM : **In-**
 5 **superimus** Cartam Domini *Richardi*, nuper Regis *Anglie*, secundi post *Conquestum* ; sub Sigillo, quo idem nuper Rex utebatur in Terra sua *Hibernie*, factam in hec verba ; **Richardus**, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie* & *Francie*, et Dominus *Hibernie* ; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Ducibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Ballivis, et Fidelibus Suis, SALUTEM : **In-**
 6 **superimus** Cartam Confirmationis, Domini *Edwardi*, nuper Regis *Anglie*, Avi nostri, factam in hec verba ; **Edwardus**, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie*, et Dominus *Hibernie* et *Aquitanie* ; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Ducibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Ballivis, & Fidelibus suis, SALUTEM : **Insuperimus**
 7 Cartam Confirmationis, quam Dominus *Edwardus*, nuper Rex *Anglie*, Pater noster, fecit, in hec verba ; **Edwardus**, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie*, Dominus *Hibernie*, Dux *Aquitanie* ; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris,

Ministris, et omnibus Ballivis, et Fidelibus suis,
SALUTEM : Insperimus. Cartam, quam cele- 8
 bris Memorie Dominus *Johannes*, quondam Rex
Anglie, Proavus noster, fecit Civibus de *Dublino*,
 in hec verba; **Johannes**, Dei Gratia, Rex
Anglie, Dominus *Hibernie*, Dux *Normanie*, *Aqui-*
tanie, Comes *Andegavie*; Archiepiscopis, Epif-
 copis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baron-
 ibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Mi-
 nistris, et omnibus Ballivis, et Fidelibus suis,
SALUTEM : Sciatis, nos concessisse, & hac 9
 Carta nostra confirmasse, Civibus nostris de *Dub-*
lino, tam extra Muros, quam infra Muros ma-
 nentibus, usque ad Metas Ville, QUOD HABEANT
 Metas suas, sicut perambulate fuerunt per Sacra-
 mentum proborum Virorum de Civitate predicta,
 per Preceptum Regis *Henrici*, patris nostri; Sci-
 licet, ex parte Orientali de *Dublino*, et austriali
 parte Pasture, que ducit usque ad Portam Eccle- 10
 sie Sancti *Keyvini*; et sic, per viam, usque ad
Kilmerecaregan; et sic, per Divisam Terre de
Dunnebrock, usque ad *Dotbir*; et de *Dotbir*, us-
 que ad Mare; Scilicet, ad *Clarade*, juxta Mare,
 usque ad *Kynenelan*; in Occidentali parte de *Dub-*
lino, ab Ecclesia Sancti *Patricij*, per Vallem, us-
 que ad *Karnanclonegunetbe*; et exinde, usque ad
 Divisam Terre de *Kilmenan*; et ultra Aquam de
Kilmenan, juxta *Avenalith*, usque ad Vada de
Kilmebannock; et ultra aquam de *Avenalith*, ver-
 sus Boream, per *Enockneganbock*; et deinde, us-
 que ad *Orea Sancte Trinitatis*; et de *Oreis* illis,
 usque ad *Furcas*; et sic, per Divisam inter *Clyn-*
clyth et *Crinan*; usque ad *Tolekan*; et de inde,
 usque ad Ecclesiam *Sancte Marie de Housmanby*:
 ET, quod HABEANT OMNES LIBERTATES ET LIBE- 11
 RAS CONSUETUDINES Subscriptas. LIBERTATES
 autem, quas eis CONCESSIMUS, sunt hec; Scilicet,
 QUOD nullus Civis de *Dublino* placitetur, extra 12
 Muros Ville de ullo placito, preterquam de pla-

- citis de exterioribus Tenementis, que non pertinent
 13 ad *Hundredam* Ville: ET, quod sint *quieti* de *Mur-*
 14 *dro*, infra Metas Ville: ET, quod nullus Civis
faciat Duellum in Civitate, de aliquo *Apello*, quod
 quisquis versus eum facere possit; set, purgabit
 se per Sacramentum quadraginta hominum ipsius
 15 Civitatis, qui legales sint: ET, quod nemo capiat
Hospicium infra Muros, per *Affisam*, vel per *L ber-*
ationem Marefcallorum, contra Voluntatem Civium:
 16 ET, quod sint *quieti* de *Theolonio* et *Lestagio*,
Passagio et *Pontagio*, et de omnibus alijs Consuetu-
 dinibus, per totam Terram et Potestatem nostram:
 17 ET, quod nullus *Indicetur* de *Misericordia* pecunie,
 nisi secundum Legem *Hundrede*; scilicet, pro For-
 isfactura quadraginta Solidorum; unde is, qui in
 Misericordiam inciderit, quietus erit de Medietate,
 et aliam Medietatem dabit in Misericordia, excep-
 tis tribus Misericordijs; scilicet, de *Pane* et *Servi-*
fia et *Vigilijs*; que Misericordie sunt de duobus
 solidis et sex denarijs, unde Medietas condona-
 bitur, et alia Medietas reddetur in Misericor-
 18 dijs: ET quod *Hundreda* Semel teneatur in Septi-
 19 mana: Et, quod in nullo placito possit quis causari
 20 per *Miskeningham*: ET, quod iuste HABEANT
Terras et *Tenurias* et *Vadimonia* sua et *debita*,
 per totam Terram et Potestatem nostram, ubi-
 21 cunque ea debeantur: ET, quod possint *distringere*
 22 Debitores suos, per *Namia* sua, in *Dublino*: ET,
 quod de *Terris* et *Tenurijs*, que infra Villam
 sunt, *Rectum* eis TENEATUR, secundum Consue-
 23 tudinem Civitatis: ET, quod, de *Debitis*, que
 accommodata fuerint in Civitate, et de *Vadimonijs*
 ibidem factis, *Placita* in Civitate TENEANTUR se-
 24 cundum Consuetudinem Civitatis: ET, quod, si
 quis, alicubi in Terra, vel Potestate nostra, ce-
 perit *Theolonium* de Homínibus Civitatis; si non
 reddiderit, postquam requisitus fuerit reddere;
Prepositus Civitatis capiat inde *Namia* apud *Dubli-*
 25 *num*, et *distingat* reddere: ET, quod nullus *ex-*
traneus

traneus Mercator emat, infra Civitatem, de Ho-
 mine *extraneo*, *Blada* vel *Coria*, vel *Lanam*; nisi
 de Civibus: ET, quod nullus *Extraneus* habeat 26
Tabernam de Vino, nisi in Navi; HAC autem Liber-
 tate nobis *reservata*, quod de qualibet Navi, quam
 illuc cum Vinis venire continget, *Ballivus* noster,
 loco nostro, *eliget duo Dolia Vini*, quocunque vo-
 luerit in Navi; unum, scilicet, ante Malum,
 aliud retro Malum, ad opus nostrum, *pro qudrda-*
ginta solidis; unum, scilicet, *pro viginti solidis*,
 et aliud *pro viginti solidis*; et nihil amplius inde
 accipiet, nisi ad Gratiam Mercatoris: ET, quod 27
 nullus *extraneus* vendat *Pannos* in Civitate, ad *De-*
sicionem: ET, quod nullus *extraneus Mercator* 28
moretur in Villa, cum Mercibus suis, *pro Mercibus*
suis vendendis, nisi per quadraginta dies: ET, 29
 quod nullus *Civis Dublinensis*, alicubi in Terra,
 vel Potestate nostra, *namietur*, vel *distringatur* pro
 aliquo Debito; NISI sit *Debitor*, vel *Plegius*: ET, 30
 quod possint *maritare* Se et Filios et Filias et Vi-
 duas, sine *Licentia Dominorum* suorum; et, quod
 nullus *Dominorum* suorum, propter forinsecas
 Terras, habeat *Custodiam*, vel *Donationem Filio-*
rum, vel *Filiarum* suarum, aut *Viduarum*; set tan-
 tum *Custodiam Tenementorum* suorum, que sint de
Feodo suo; donec Etatem habeant: ET, quod 31
 nulla *Recognitio* fiat in Civitate: ET, quod HABE- 32
 ANT omnes Rationabiles *Gildas* suas, sicut *Burgenfes*
 de *Bristoll* habent, vel melius habere consueverunt:
 Et, quod nullus *Civis cogatur replegiare* Aliquem, 33
 nisi ipse voluerit; quamvis sit super Terram suam
 manens. **Concessimus** etiam eis omnes *Tenu-* 34
rias suas, infra Muros et extra Muros, usque ad
 predictas Metas; ad *disponendum* pro Voluntate
 sua per *Communem Assensum* Civitatis, in *Messua-*
gijs et in *Virgultis*, in *Edificijs* super *Aquam* et
 alibi, ubicunque fuerint in Villa; TENENDAS in
liberum Burgagium; scilicet, per servitium *Land-*
gabeli quod reddunt infra Muros. **Concessimus** 35
 etiam,

- etiam, quod quilibet eorum possit *se emendare*, quantum poterit ; in *Edificijs* faciendis, ubicunque voluerit, super *Ripam* ; sine *Dampno Civium* et
- 36 *Villate* : ET, quod HABEANT & POSSIDEANT omnes *Terras* et *Placeas vacuas*, que infra predictas Metas continentur ; ad voluntatem eorum edificandas.
- 37 **Concessimus** etiam eis, quod necque *Templarij*, neque *Hospitularij*, habeant aliquem *Hominem*, vel aliquod *Messuagium*, quietum de communibus Consuetudinibus Civitatis, infra predictas Metas ; nisi unum solum, HEC omnia eis
- 38 **Concessimus**, SALVIS *Tenurijs* et *Terris* omnium eorum, qui *Terris* et *Tenurias* habeant et *Cartem* nostram, inde, extra Muros, usque ad predictas Metas ; quod non possit Civitas, de *Terris* illis, sicut de alijs, *disponere* ; set, faciant communes Consuetudines Civitatis, sicut alij Cives :
- 39 DE ILLIS autem hoc DICIMUS qui *Cartem* nostram habuerunt de aliquibus *Terris*, infra easdem Metas, extra Muros, antequam predictas, Libertates et hanc *Cartam* Concesserimus.
- 40 **Quare** **Voluimus** et firmiter **Precipimus**, quod predicti *Cives* nostri de *Dublino*, et *Heredes* sui post ipsos, HABEANT et TENEANT omnes predictas *Libertates* et *liberas Consuetudines* suas, sicut prescriptum est, de nobis et Heridibus nostris ; sicut eas unquam melius et integrius habuerunt ; bene et in *pace* et *honorifice*, absque omni *Impedimento* et *Molestia*, quam aliquis eis inde faciat ; sicut *Carta*, nostra, quam eis fecimus, dum essemus
- 41 Comes *Meritonie*, rationabiliter testatur. **PRETEREA** **Dedimus** et **Concessimus**, et hac *Carta* nostra **Confirmavimus**, eisdem Civibus de *Dublino*, et Heredibus eorum, Medietatem *Aque* de *Avenalith*, ad piscandum, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus ; HABENDAM et TENENDAM, de Nobis et Heredibus nostris imperpetuum *libere* et *quiete*
- 42 et *integre*. **Confirmamus** etiam eis omnes **LIBERTATUS**, **LEGIS** et **LIBERAS CONSUETUDINES**, quas

quas habuerunt de Dono nostro, dum effemus
 Comes *Moritonie*, sicut eas unquam melius et
 liberius et integrius habuerunt. Et **prohibe-** 43
mus ne quis eas, contra hoc, in aliquo vexet,
 vel disturbet, super Forisfacturam nostram :
Testibus hijs, S. *Bathoniensi* Episcopo, G. filij 44
Petri Comiti Effexie, R. Comiti *Millit*. *Roberto*
de Harecourt, *Petro de Pratellis*, *Gaufredo de*
Constantine, *Willielmo de Cantelan*, *Richardo de*
Riverijs, *Roberto de Wancy*, *Gaufredo de Marisco*,
Roberto de Placeto : **Datum**, per Manum
 S. Archidiaconi *Wallensis*, apud *Upton*, septimo
 die *Novembris*, Anno Regni nostri Secundo,
Nos autem, *Donationes*, *concessionones* et *Confirma-* 45
tiones predictas RATAS HABENTES ET GRATAS; eas,
 pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis
 est, prefatis Civibus et eorum Heredibus et Suc-
 cessoribus, Civibus Civitatis ejusdem, **Conco-**
dimus et **Confirmamus**; sicut Carta pre-
 dicta rationabiliter testatur; et, prout ijdem
 Cives et eorum Predecessores, *Libertatibus* et
Quietantijs predictis, hactenus rationabiliter usi
 sunt et gavisi: **Hijs Testibus** venerabilibus 46
Patribus, *W. Cantuariensi* Archiepiscopo totius
Angle Primate, *W. Exoniensi* Episcopo; *Ado-*
maro de Valencia Comiti *Pembrochie*, *Humphredo*
de Bobun Comiti *Herefordie* et *Effexie*, *Hugone*
le Dispenser Seniore, *Roberto de Mount alto*, *Ro-*
berto filii Pagani, *Bartholemeo de Badlesmere*,
Johanne de Crumbwell Senescallo Hospicij nostri,
 et alijs : **Datum**, per Manum nostram apud
Westmonasterium, undecimo die *Julij*, Anno Reg-
 ni nostri decimo. **Insuperimus** etiam *Litteras* 47
 nostras *Patentes*, sigillo nostro, quo utimur in
Hibernia, signatas, in hec Verba; **Edwardus**, 48
 Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie*, Dominus *Hibernie* et
Acquitanie; omnibus, ad quos presentes Littere
 pervenerint, SALUTEM: Quasdam *Litteras paten-*
tes Domini Edwardi, nuper Regis *Angliæ*, Patris
 nostri,

nostri, magno Sigillo, quo utebatur in *Ang-*
lia, signatus, **Insuperimus**, in hec Verba ;
 49 **Edwardus**, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie*, Do-
 minus, *Hibernie* et *Aquitanie* ; Omnibus, ad quos
 50 *presentes Littere* pervenerint, SALUTEM : **Scia-**
tis quod, cum Dominus *Johannes* quondam Rex
Anglie, Progenitor noster, per Cartem suam,
 quam confirmavimus, concessisset Civibus Civita-
 tis nostro de *Dublino* in *Hibernia*, quod nemo
 Capiat *Hospicium* infra Muros per *Affsam*, vel per
Liberationem Mareſcallorum, contra Voluntatem
 Civium eorundem ; et quidam de Ministris Par-
 cium illarum, Colore officij sui, tam *Liberatio-*
nem, in Domibus predictorem Civium, infra
 Muros predictos, per aliquod Tempus, contra
 Tenorum Concessionem et Confirmationem pre-
 dictarum, fecerint ; quam alia Bona et Catalla
 sua, in eadem Civitate, contra Voluntatem
 eorum, ceperint et asportaverint ; per quod Ci-
 vitas illa deterioratur, et dicti Cives depauperan-
 51 tur immensum, ut accepimus : **Nos**, *Securi-*
tatem Civitatis nostre predictæ, nec non *Quietem*
et Tranquilitatem Civium nostrorum Civitatis
 illius providere ; et eis, in hac parte, Gratiam
 52 facere Volentes uberiores ; **Concessimus**, eis
 pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris, quod nullus Mi-
 nister noster nec aliquis alius, in Domibus predic-
 torum Civium, vel Heredum, seu successorum
 Civium Civitatis illius, infra Muros predictos,
hospitet ; nec *Liberationem* in eis aliququaliter faciat ;
 nec *Hospicium*, in Domibus illis, ad opus alicu-
 jus, per *Affsam*, vel per *Liberationem*, contra
 Tenorem Cartarum et Confirmationem predic-
 tarum ; nec *Bona* seu *Catalla* ipsorum Civium,
 Heredum vel Successorem suorem, predictorem
 53 *capiat*, contra Voluntatem eorundem ; SALVIS,
 Nobis et Heredibus nostris, antiquis priscis
 54 nostris Debitis consuetis : **In** cujus Rei **Testi-**
mentum has *Litteras nostras* fieri fecimus
Patentes,

Patentes, Tette ME IPSO, apud *Nottingham*, quarto
 decimo die *Augusti*, Anno Regni nostri duode-
 cimo. **Insperimus** etiam quasdam Litteras 55
 nostras Patentes, magno Sigillo, quo nuper ute-
 bamur in *Anglia*, signatas, in hec Verba; **Ed-** 56
wardus, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie*, Dominus
Hibernie, et Dux *Aquitanie*; Archiepiscopis,
 Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus,
 Baronibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Preposi-
 tis, Ministris, et omnibus Ballivis, et Fidelibus
 suis, SALUTEM: **Sciatis**, quod Nos, atten- 57
 dentes grata et laudabilia Obsequia, que dilecti No-
 bis Major et Civis Civitatis nostre *Dublino*, in *Hi-*
bernia, et eorum Antecessores, Nobis et Progeni-
 toribus nostris multipliciter impenderunt, Nobis-
 que in dies, et precipue pro Salvatione et Defen-
 sione Civitatis predictæ, et Parciarum vicinarum, con-
 tra hostiles *Hibernicorum* Aggressus; qui, Terras
 nostras, et Fidelium nostrorum ibidem invadere, et
 Populum nostrum ibidem gravare et depredari
 nituntur; non absque sumptuosis Laboribus im-
 pendere non desistunt, exponendo, varijs Periculis,
 Se et Sua: VOLENTESQUE, eo Pretextu, ipsos, ut 58
 Negotijs et Negotiacionibus suis quietius intendere
 valeant, Favore prosequi gratioso: **Concessimus**, 59
 de Gratia nostra speciali, prefatis Majori et Civibus,
 pro nobis et Heredibus nostris; et hac Carta nostra,
Confirmabimus; Quod ipsi, Heredes, et
 successores sui, Cives Civitatis predictæ, non
 ponantur in *Assisis Juratis*, *Recognitionibus*, vel
Inquisitionibus aliquibus, que, ratione *Terrarum* et
Tenementorum, suorum *forinsecorum*, vel Ratione
Transgressionum, *Contractuum*, *Conventionum*, aut
 aliorum Negotiorum *forinsecorum* quorumcunque,
 coram Justiciarijs, aut alijs Ministris nostris, vel
 Heredum nostrorum emerferint, faciendis; quam-
 diu Moram in eadem Civitate fecerint: Et, quod 60
 Homines *forinseci* non ponantur, cum ipsis Civibus,
 in *Assisis Juratis*, *Recognitionibus*, aut *Inquisitionibus*
 H qui-

- quibuscunque, que, *Ratione Terrarum*, vel *Tenementorum*, in eadem Civitate existentium, aut *Transgressionum*, *Contractuum*, *Conventionum*, aut aliorum *Negotiorum intrinsecorum*, emerferint, faciendis; NISI Res illa tangat Nos, vel Heredes
- 61 nostros, aut *Communitatem* Civitatis illius: ET, quod ijdem Major et Cives, et Heredes aut Successores sui; super aliquibus *Appellis*, *Rectis*, *Injurijs*, *Felonijs*, *Calumpnijs*, *Placitis*, aut *Demandis*, *intrinsecis*, eis impositis, seu imponendis; per *Forinsecos* non committantur, set *solemodo* per *Concives* suos; NISI Res illa tangat Nos, vel Heredes
- 62 nostros, aut *Communitatem* Civitatis illius: ET, quod Ipsi, et Heredes sui, aut Successores sui, in aliquo *Placito*, non *causentur*, per *Miskenningam*;
- 63 ET, quod predicti Major et Cives, et Heredes, ac Successores sui, non fiant *Vicecomites*, *Coronatores*, *Contrarotulatores*, aut alij *Ballivi*, seu *Ministri* nostri, vel Heredum nostrorum; seu *Receptores Denariorum*, vel *Exituum* nostrarum, seu Heredum nostrorum; *extra* Civitatem predictam, contra Voluntatem eorum Majoris et Civium, vel successorum suorum, imperpetuum; quamdiu
- 64 Moram fecerint in eadem: ET, nullus *Iustiarius*, *Ballivus*, aut *Minister* noster, vel Heredum nostrorum, quecunque, *capiat* de Rebus, aut de Mercandisiis predictorum Majoris et Civium, Heredum, aut successorum suorum, vel aliorum quorumcunque, ad predictam Civitatem venientium: contra Voluntatem ipsorum, quorum Res et ipsorum Mercandise ille fuerint; NISI, in Presentia nostra, vel Heredum nostrorum, ad opus Nostrum, et ipsorum Heredum nostrorum; ac etiam, pro *munitione* *Castrorum* nostrorum, et Heredum nostrorum, in partibus predictis, cum ea, ex aliquibus Causis,
- 65 munire necessarium oportuerit: ET, quod ijdem Major et Cives, et Heredes, ac Successores sui, in Absentia nostra, et Heredum nostrorum, *Affisam Panis* et *Servisie*, et *Custodiam* et *Affisam Mensu-*

Mensurarum et Ponderum, ac alia quęcunque ad
 Officium Mercati pertinentia, in Civitate predicta,
 HABEANT, FACIANT, et EXERCEANT imperpe-
 tuum; et *Transgressores*, dicte *Affise Panis et Ser-*
vise, modo debito puniant; et ad *Defectus Men-*
surarum et Ponderum, et aliorum ad dictum Offi-
 cium Mercati pertinentium, *corrigant et emendant*;
 ITA, quod *Clericus de Mercato*, seu aliquis *Minister* 66
 Noster, vel Heredum nostrorum, dictam Civi-
 tatem non *Ingrediatar*, ad aliqua, que ad dictum
 Officium Mercati pertinent, in eadem, *facienda*,
 vel *exequenda*; Nisi tantummodo, ad *Standardum*
 Civitatis predictę *supervidendum, approbandum,*
 et *examinandum*; et, ad *Defectus*, et *Excessus*, de
Standardo predicto inventos et inveniendos, *corri-*
gendos et emendandos: ET, quod omnia *Proficua*, 67
 de hujusmodi *Affisa et Affaia*, in dicta Civitate
 provenientia; *Standardo* predicto *excepto*; sint
 ipsorum Majoris et Civium, Heredum, ac Suc-
 cessorum suorum; in Auxilium *Firme* sue, Civi-
 tatis predictę: **Salvo** tamen, quod, si in Pre- 68
 sentia Nostra, vel Heredum nostrorum, seu *Justi-*
ciariorum nostrorum, vel Heredum nostrorum,
 Terre predictę, aliquis *conqueratur*, quod *Major*
 et *Ballivi* dicte Civitatis, in premissis *faciendis et*
exequendis, *negligentes* fuerint et *remissi*; Tunc
Justiciarius Noster, vel Heredem nostrorum,
 Terre predictę, qui pro Tempore fuerit, per Se,
 vel per alium, quem ad hoc deputaverit, ad *Sec-*
tam hujusmodi *Conquerentium*, id, de quo *Querela*
 illa sic fiat, *Supervideat*, et *Supervideri faciat*; ET, 69
 quod, si dictos, *Majorem et Ballivos*, in eo, de quo
Querela sic fieri contigerit, *negligentes* legitime inve-
 nerit, et *remissos*; Tunc illud *corrigi* faciat, prout
 decet; et dictos, *Majorem et Ballivos*, modo debito
puniat et castiget; FINIBUS, et AMERCIAMENTIS
 ipsorum, *Majoris et Ballivorum*, in hac parte, et
Punitione illius, quod per dictum *Justiciarium*,
 vel *Deputandum* ab ipso, ut dictum est, *corrigi*
 H 2 contigerit,

- contigerit, Nobis, et Heredibus nostris, semper
 70 **SALVIS. Concessimus** etiam, pro Nobis, et
 Heredibus nostris; et hac Carta nostra, **Confir-**
mavimus, prefatis Majori et Civibus; Quod
 Ipsi, Heredes, et Successores sui predicti, im-
 perpetuum, **SINT QUIETI** de *Muragio, Pavagio,*
Pontagio, Passagio, Kaiagio; ac, de omnibus alijs
 hujusmodi *Consuetudinibus, de Mercimonijs Rebus*
 et *Bonis* suis quibuscunque; per totum Regnum
 nostrum, ac Terram *Hibernie*, et Potestatem no-
 71 **stram. QUARE Volumus**, ac firmiter **precipi-**
pinus, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris; quod
 ijdem Major et Cives, Heredes sui, et Succes-
 sores, **HABEANT ET TENEANT Omnes et Singulas**
LIBERTATES predictas, imperpetuum, sicut
 72 **predictum est: His Testibus** Venerabilibus
 Patribus, *W. Archiepiscopo Eboracensi Anglie*
Primate, R. Dunelmensi Cancellario nostro, et
H. Lincolnensi Thesaurario nostro, Episcopis;
Comite Cornubie Fratre nostro carissimo, Thoma
de Bello Campo Comiti Warrene, Thoma de Wake,
Willielmo de Roos de Hannaleck, Radolpho de
Nevil Senescallo Hospicij nostri, et alijs: Da-
tum, per Manum nostram, apud *Eboracum*,
 tertio decimo die *Octobris*, Anno Regni Nostri
 73 *Octavo. Nos* autem, Litteras predictas, ad
Requisitionem Majoris et Communitatis Civitatis
 predictae, tenore Presentium. **Durimus ex-**
 74 **emplificandas: In** cujus Rei **Testimo-**
nium, has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus *Patentes:*
Teste, Leonello Duce, Clarencie, Comiti Ultonie,
Filio nostro carissimo, Locum tenente nostrum,
 in Terra nostra *Hibernie*; apud *Dublinum*, vi-
 cessimo Sexto die *Septembris*, Anno Regni nostri
 75 *tricesimo Septimo. Nos*, attendentes grata et
 laudabilia Obsequia, que prefati Cives et eo-
 rum Antecessores, Nobis, et Progenitoribus no-
 stris multipliciter impenderunt; Nobisque in
 dies,

dies, et precipue pro Salvatione et Defensione Civitatis illius, et Parcium vicinarum, contra hostiles *Hibernicorum* Inimicorum nostrorum Aggressus; qui, Terras nostras, et Fidelium nostrorum, in Terra nostra *Hibernie*, invadere, et Populum nostrum ibidem depredari et destruere nituntur; non absque Sumptibus laboriosis, impendere non disistunt, Se et Sua varijs Periculis exponendo: Ac, **VOLENTES** proinde, ipsos Cives, ut Negotiacionibus suis quietius intendere, et dictam Civitatem *Dublinum* securius custodire valeant, et ut ad hoc fortius obligentur, Favore prosequi gratiofo; *Donationes, Concessiones* et 76 *Confirmationes* predictas, **RATAS** habentes et **GRATAS**; *Eas*, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris, **Ratificamus approbamus**; et, predictis Civibus, eorumque Heredibus et Successoribus, imperpetuum, **Concedimus et Confirmamus**; Sicut *Carte et Littere* predictæ plenius testantur. **Preterea**, volentes, prefatis Civibus, 77 Consideratione premissorum, Gratiam facere uberioriorem; **Concessimus**, pro nobis, et Heredibus nostris; et, hac Carta nostra, **Confirmavimus**, prefatis Civibus, eorumque Heredibus, et Successoribus; Quod, licet ipsi Cives, vel eorum Antecessores, aliqua, vel aliquibus *Libertatibus, Quietantijs, Privilegijs, Immunitatibus* predictis, aliquo Casu emergente, plene usi non fuerint; Ipsi tamen Cives, et eorum Heredes, et Successores, Cives Civitatis predictæ, *Libertatibus, Quietantijs, Privilegijs, et Immunitatibus* predictis, de cetero plene GAUDEANT at UTANTUR; absque *Impedimento* NOSTRO, vel Heredum nostrorum, *Iusticiariorum, Escaetorum, Vicecomitum*, aut aliorum *Ballivorum*, seu *Ministorum* nostrorum quorumcunque, imperpetuum. Et 78 **INSUPER**, cum quedam *Libertates et Privilegia*, que superius non exprimuntur, Civitatibus de *Waterford*

ford et Cork, ac Ville de Drogheda, per Nos et
 Progenitores nostros sint concessa; sicut, per In-
 spectionem Rotulorum Cancellarie Nostre et dicto-
 79 rum Progenitorum, Nobis constat: **Concessi-**
mus, pro Nobis, et Heredibus nostris; et, hac
 Carta nostra, **Confirmavimus**, ipsis Civibus
 Dublini, et eorum Heredibus, et Successoribus
 suis, omnia hujusmodi *Libertates* et *Privilegia*;
 que Cives dictarum Civitatum de *Waterford* et
Cork, ac Burgenses dicte ville de *Drogheda*, sic ha-
 bent; eisdem Civibus Civitatis *Dublini* eorumque
 Heredibus et Successoribus, imperpetuum opti-
 80 nenda; videlicet; Quod eorum *Major*, *singulis*
Annis de se ipsis electus, *Sacramentum* debitum, co-
 ram ILLO, qui ipsum, in Officio illo, Anno prox-
 imo precedente, precefferat; coram COMMUNI-
 81 TATE Civitatis illius, faciat: NISI *Justiciarius*
Hibernie, vel aliquis *Baro* de *Scaccario Regio*, Tem-
 pore *Electionis* illius, in dicta Civitate presens fue-
 rit; coram quo *tunc* hujusmodi *Sacramentum* pre-
 82 stetur: Et, quod predicti Cives Civitatis *Dub-*
lini, et eorum Heredes et Successores, Cives ejus-
 dem Civitatis, *HABEANT Returnum* omnium *Bre-*
vium nostrorum, et Heredum nostrorum; tam
Summonitionum, quam *Attachiamentorum*, de Om-
 nibus et Singulis, infra dictam Civitatem *Dubli-*
 83 *num*, et Suburbia ejusdem, Emergentibus: ITA,
 quod Ministri nostri *Hibernie*, vel Heredum no-
 strorum, dictam Civitatem *Dublinum*, aut *Subur-*
bia ejusdem, ad *Summonitiones*, seu *Attachiamenta*
 aliqua, vel *Executiones* aliquorum, ibidem emer-
 84 gentium faciendas, non ingrediantur; NISI, in
Defectu Majoris, et *Ballivorum* Civitatis ejusdem;
 85 EXCEPTIS quatuor Placitis; videlicet, **De Rap-**
tu, Incendio Forstallamento, Thesau-
ro invento; si, in dicta Civitate, vel *Suburbijs*
 ejusdem, contingant; Que NOBIS, et Heredibus
 nostris, ac *Ministris* nostris *Hibernie* totaliter Vo-
 lumus

lunus remanere : ET, quod ipsi Cives 86
 Civitatis *Dublını*, ac Heredes et Successores
 sui, Cives Civitatis illius, non ponantur in *Assis*
Juratis, seu *Recognitionibus* aliquibus, extra dictam
 Civitatem *Dublinum*, seu Suburbia ejusdem ; ra-
 tione *Terrarum* et *Tenementorum* suorum extra Ci-
 vitatem et Suburbia predicta, vel infra existentium,
 capiendis ; quamdiu, in eadem Civitate, vel Sub-
 urbijs fuerint commorantes : ET, quod nullus, 87
 Civium predictorum, dicte Civitatis *Dublını*,
placitetur, extra Muros ejusdem Civitatis *Dub-*
lını, de ullo *Placito* ; Set, *infra muros* Civitatis
 illus, in *Gildballa* sua ; PRETERQUAM, de *Pla-*
citis, et *Tenurijs exterioribus*, que non pertinent
 ad *Hundredas* dicte Civitatis *Dublını* : ET, 88
 quod Major et Ballivi ejusdem Civitatis, qui
 pro Tempore fuerint, in *Gidballa* Civitatis illius,
 HABEANT *Recognitionem* omnium *Placitorum*, tam
 de *Tenurijs*, *infra Civitatem*, et Suburbia pre-
 dicta, et *Libertates* eorundem, existentibus ;
 quam de *Transgressionibus*, *Conventionibus*, et
Contractibus quibuscunque, *infra Civitatem*, Sub-
 urbia, et *Libertates* predictas, emergentibus ; et,
Executiones Judiciorum in *Placitis* illis, coram
 ipsis redditorem, *infra eandem Civitatem*, Sub-
 urbia, et *Libertates*, FACIANT ; ORDINATIONI- 89
 BUS *Stapule*, per Nos, et *Concilium* nostrum factis,
 semper SALVIS : ET, quod nullus, Civium pre- 90
 dictorum, predicte Civitatis *Dublını*, *placitet*,
 aut *placitetur*, extra Civitatem illam, de *Terris*
 aut *Tenementis*, que sunt *infra Civitatem*, Sub-
 urbia, et *Libertatis* predictas ; nec, de *Trans-*
gressionibus, *Conventionibus*, seu *Contractibus* ;
infra dictam Civitatem, Suburbia, et *Libertates*,
 factis, vel aliquibus alijs ibidem emergentibus ;
 NISI *Placita* illa tangant Nos, vel *Heredes* 91
 nostros, seu *Communitatem* dicte Civitatis *Dub-*
lını : ET, quod Major et Ballivi ejusdem Civi-
 tatis

- tatis *Dublino*, qui pro tempore fuerint, *computare* possint, per sufficientes *Attornatos* suos; et ad *Scaccarium* predictum *reddendum* admittantur; **Ita**, quod illorum *Deputandi*, coram *Thesaurario* et *Baronibus* ad *Scaccarium* Regni *Hibernie*, cum idem *Scaccarium* alibi, quam in eadem Civitate, fuerit; de omnimodis *Compoti*, et *Debitis*, *Majori* et *Ballivis*, seu *Communitati* Civitatis predictae, contingentibus; et, ad *Compota* illa, per dictos *Attornatos* suos, ad *Scaccarium* predictum reddenda, admittantur;
- 93 **Ita**, quod *Solutiones Debitorum* Nostrorum,
 94 ea de Causa, nullatenus *retardentur*: **Et**, quod
 95 nullus *Ballivus* Noster, seu *Heredum* nostrorum, aut alicujus alterius, *capiat Civem* aliquidem ejusdem Civitatis *Dublino*, nec *incarceret, dummodo*
 96 *salvos Plegios* possit *invenire*; **Nisi**, pro *Felonia*, vel alio *enormi Delicto*, pro quo non sit *replegiabilis*: **Ac** etiam, quod predicti *Cives* Civitatis *Dublino*, et eorum *Heredes* et *Successores*, *Cives* Civitatis ejusdem, **habeant** et **Teneant** *secundum Civitatem, Suburbia, et Libertates*, cum omnibus *Commoditatibus, Exitibus, Proficuis*, et alijs *pertinentijs* suis *usitatis*; et cum omnibus *LIBERTATIBUS*, et *LIBERIS CONSUETUDINIBUS*, quibus *hucusque* *usi* sunt, *Temporibus Progenitorum* nostrorum predictorum, et *Nostris*; secundum quod *melius, plenius* et *Liberius* ea *tenuerunt*, et
 97 ad huc *teneant*: **Et**, quod nullus *Vicecomes, Ballivus*, aut *Minister* Noster, vel *Heredum* nostrorum, *intromittat* se, de ullis *Attachamentis*, vel *Summonitionibus* faciendis, in *Civitate, Suburbijs, et Libertatibus* predictis; **PRETERQUAM** *Major, Ballivi, et Coronatores* Civitatis illius, qui *respondent de Placitis Corone*, coram *Iusticiarijs* nostris *itinerantibus*, ad *Communia Placita Placitanda*, in dicta Civitate *Dublino*;
 98 **Nisi**, in *Defectu* *Majoris, Ballivorum, et Coronatorum*

torum predictorum: ET, si aliquis, Civium prædictorum dicte Civitatis *Dublino*, *attachiatus* fuerit, *extra Muros* Civitatis illius; *Major*, et *Cives* ejusdem Civitatis *HABEANT* de eo *CURIAM* *SUAM*, et *Justiciam Conquerenti exhibeant*; sicut *Comes*, *Baro*, vel alius *Magnas Hibernie*, *Curiam suam*, de *Hominibus* suis, *habere* debet; secundum *LEGEM*, *Terre nostre Hibernie*: ET insuper, cum dicti *Cives* Civitatis *Dublino*, Nobis per *Petitionem* suam, coram Nobis et Concilio nostro exhibitam, ostenderunt; *QUOD ipsi talem habeant Libertatem*; “*Quod nullus Mercator Extraneus Mercandisas suas infra Civitatem illam ad Retalliam vendat*,” *CONTRA quam Libertatem*, nonnulli *Mercatores extranei*, *Pretextu STATUTI de ORDINATIONE STAPULE*, *nuper editi*, in qua continetur, “*QUOD omnes Mercatores, ad Stapulam Civitatum et Burgorum, in Regno nostro Anglie, ac Terris nostris Hibernie et Wallie, venientes, Mercandisas suas, in Grosso, vel Retallia, aut per Particula, absque Calumpnia, vendere possint*,” *Ad dictam Civitatem Dublini veniunt*; et *Mercandisas ibidem ad Retalliam, adeo libere, sicut Mercatores ejusdem Civitatis, pro Voluntate sua, vendunt et emunt*; et sic, quasi omnia *Proficua, que de Emptione et Venditione Mercandisarum, in eadem Civitate proveniant, percipiunt*; nullum *Subsidium, nec Contributionem, ad Onera Civitatis illius, pro Salvatione et Defensione ejusdem, incumbentia, facientes*: ET etiam, cum *Pretextu Ordinationis*, per Nos nuper facte, *QUOD omnia, Lane, Coria, et alie Merchandise, a Regno et Terris nostris predictis, ad partes exterras, Villam nostram Cales, et non alibi, traducantur*; *Predicti Cives, ad Mercandisas suas; videlicet, Veteres Pannos, Lanas, Coria, et alias immunitas Res; que, Mercandisis aliarum Terrarum, sunt multum dissimiles et discordes*; ad dictam Villam

- Cales* ; ubi Mercandisas illas vix pro Valore aliquo vendere, nec *Vina*, *Ferrum*, *Sal*, aut alias Mercandisas, dicte Terre *Hibernie* concordantes, vel utiles, invenire poterunt ; ducendas sunt
- 103 astricti : Et, cum ijdem Cives Mercandisas suas, pro modico Precio, ad dictam Villam *Cales*, vendiderunt ; ipsos novum *Fretum*, versus Partes, *Anglie*, *Vasconie*, et alibi, pro Mercandisiis Terre sue concordantibus ibidem querendis, facere ; et sic, duo *Fretta*, pro uno, solvere, oportebit ; in ipsorum Civium Dampnum non modicum, et Depauperationem manifestam :
- 104 **Nos**, consideratione premissorum, **VOLENTES**, Quietem et Utilitatem dictorum Civium providere ; **Concessimus**, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris ; et, hac Carta nostra, **Confirmavimus** ; Quod omnes *Mercatores extranei*, qui in Civitate predicta, Mercandisas emerint, vel venderint ; Juxta Formam *Statuti* predicti, ad *Auxilium* et *Contributionem* ad *Tallagium*, et alia Onera, dicte Civitati incumbentia, supportanda, juxta *Quantitatem Rei empte*, vel *vendite*, cum Civibus predictis *Solvant*, et *Solvere teneantur* ; et, ad hoc, prout justum fuerit, *compellantur* :
- 105 Et, quod ijdem Cives, et eorum Heredes et Successores, *Veteres Pannos*, *Lanas*, *Coria*, et omnia alia Mercimonia, in dicta Terra *Hibernie* crescentia ; *Bladis*, pro tempore vetito, duntaxat *exceptis* ; ad Partes *Anglie*, *Vasconie*, et alibi, ubi melius expedire viderint, traducere valeant, prout ante Ordinationem predictam facere consueverunt, imperpetuum ; Statuto, et
- 106 Ordinatione predicta, non obstante : **Quare**, **Volumus**, et firmiter **Precipimus**, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris ; Quod predicti Cives, dicte Civitatis *Dublino*, et eorum Heredes et Successores, predictae Civitatis illius,

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HABEANT omnes *Libertates, Quietantias, Privilegia*, et *Immunitates* predictas; et eis plene GAUDEANT ET UTANTUR, sicut predictum est, imperpetuum: **Huius Testibus**, Venerabilibus Patribus S. *Eliensis* Cancellario nostro, *** *Wigorniensis* Thesaurario nostro, Episcopis; *Johanne* Duce *Lancastrie*, Filio nostro carissimo, *Richardo Arundelie*, *Humphredo de Bobun Essexie* et *Herefordie*, *Willielmo Sarisburie*, et *Thoma de Veer Oxonie* Camerario nostro, Comitibus; *Henrico de Percij*, *Edwardo le Dispenser*, *Johanne Attalles* Senescallo Hospicij nostri, et alijs: **Datum**, per Manum nostram, apud *Westmonasterium*, viceffimo Secundo die *Novembris*, Anno Regni nostri triceffimo Septimo. **Nos**, attendentes grata et laudabilia Obsequia, que prefati Cives, et eorum Antecessores, Nobis et Progenitoribus nostris, pro Salvatione et Defensione dicte Civitatis *Dublino*, et Parcium vicinarum, contra Hostiles *Hibernicorum* Inimicorum nostrorum Aggressus, non absque Sump- tibus laboriosis, multipliciter impenderunt, Se et Sua varijs Periculis exponendo; Ac, volentes proinde, ipsos Cives, ut Negotiacionibus suis quietius intendere, et dictam Civitatem *Dublinum* securius custodire, valeant, et ut ad hoc fortius obligentur, Favore prosequi gratioso; *Donationes, Concessionones, et Confirmationes* predictas, ac dictam *Cartam* prefati *Avi* nostri, et omnia contenta in eadem, RATA HABENTES et GRATA; Ea, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris, quantum in Nobis est, Tenore presentium, **Ratificamus, approbamus**, et, predictis Civibus, eorumque Heredibus et Successoribus, imperpetuum, **Concedimus, et Confirmamus**, prout *Carta* predicta rationabiliter testatur. **Preterea**, volentes, prefatis Civibus, Consideratione premissorum, Gratiam,

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in hac parte, facere uberiores; **Concessimus**, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris; et, hec Carta nostra, **Confirmavimus**, prefatis Civibus, et eorum Heredibus, et Successoribus suis; Quod, licet Ipsi Cives, et eorum Antecessores, aliqua, vel aliquibus *Libertatibus*, *Quietantijs*, *Privilegijs*, vel *Immunitatibus* predictis, aliquo Casu emergente, hactenus plene usi non fuerint; ipsi tamen Cives, et eorum Heredes et Successores, Cives Civitatis predictae, *Libertatibus*, *Quietantijs*, *Privilegijs*, et *Immunitatibus* predictis, et eorum quolibet, de Cetero plene GAUDEANT et UTANTUR; absque *Impedimento* NOSTRO, vel Heredum nostrorum, *Iusticiariorum*, *Escaetorum*, *Viccomitum*, aut aliorum *Ballivorum*, Seu *Ministrorum* quorumcunque, imperpetuum;

112 **Hiis Testibus**, Venerabilibus Patribus, R. Archiepiscopo *Dublinensi* Cancellario, E. *Cecestrensi* Episcopo.***** A. Episcopo *Midenfi*, R. Episcopo *Ossorensi*, Thoma Duce *Gloucestrensi* Avunculo nostro, Edwardo Comiti Rotel. et Cork, Regero de Mortuo mari Comiti *Marchie* et *Ultonie*, Consanguineis nostris carissimis; Johanne de Holland Comiti *Huntindon* Fratre nostro Carissimo; Johanne de Leonello, Thoma de Percij, Senescallis Hospicij nostri; W. ***** Camerario nostro *Hibernie*, et alijs: **Datum**, per Manum nostram, apud *Kilkenny*, viceesimo quarto die *Aprilis*, Anno Regni nostri decimo

113 octavo. **Nos**, considerantes grata et laudabilia Obsequia, que prefati Cives et eorum Antecessores, Nobis et Progenitoribus nostris, pro Salvatione et Defensione dicte Civitatis *Dublina*, et Parcium vicinarum, contra hostiles *Hibernicorum* Inimicorum nostrorum Aggressus, non absque Sumptibus laboriosis, multipliciter impenderunt, Se et Sua varijs Periculi exponendo; Ac volentes, proinde, ipsos Cives, ut Negotiationibus

cionibus suis quietius intendere, et dictam Civitatem *Dublinum*, ut predictum est, securius custodire valeant, et ut ad hoc fortius obligentur, Favore prosequi gratiofo; *Donationes, Concessiones* et *Confirmationes* predictas, ac Omnia et Singula in dicta *Carta contenta*, RATA HABENTES et GRATA; *Ea*, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris, quantum in Nobis est, **acceptamus, approbamus**; et, prefatis Civibus, eorumque Heredibus et Successoribus, imperpetuum, de Gratia nostra speciali, Tenore presentium, **Concedimus et Confirmamus**, prout *Carta* predicta rationabiliter testatur: **In** cujus Rei **Testimonium** has *Litteras* Nostras fieri fecimus *Patentes: Teste* ME IPSO, apud *Westmonasterium*, viceffimo tertio die *Novembris*, Anno Regni nostri secundo. **In**superimus etiam, *Cartam*, quam carissimus Pater noster, *Henricus Quintus*, nuper Rex *Anglie*, sub Sigillo, quo idem Pater noster utebatur in Terra sua *Hibernie*, fecit in hec Verba; **Henricus**, Dei Gratia, Rex *Anglie, Francie*, et Dominus *Hibernie*; Universis et Singulis Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Ducibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Militibus, Justiciarijs, Vicecomitibus, Majoribus, Superioribus, Prepositis, Ballivis, Ministris, et alijs Fidelibus suis, SALUTEM: **Sciatis**, quod, de Gratia nostra speciali, de Assensu Venerabilis in CHRISTO Patris, R. Archiepiscopi *Dublinensi*, Deputati dilecti et fidelis nostri *Johannis Talbot* de *Halomshire* Chivalier, *Locum* nostrum *Tenentis*, Terre nostre *Hibernie*; et Consilio ipsius Deputati; Consideratione Bonorum *Serviciorum, Laborum, Expensarum*, et *Deperditorum*, que dilecti Ligei nostri, Major et Communitas Civitatis nostre, *Dublino*, Nobis, ante hec Tempora, in Salvationem et Defensionem fidelium Ligeorum nostrorum ibidem, ac *Manutenentiam Murorum*,

- Murorum, Turrium, Pavimentorum* et divertorum aliorum Onerum ejusdem Civitatis nostre, fecerunt et Supportaverunt ; Ac volentes, eo Pretextu, eisdem Majori et Communibus Gra-
- 118 tiam facere specialem ; **Concessimus**, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris, prefato Majori et Communibus, ac Heredibus et Successoribus suis, imperpetuum, *Libertates, Franchefias, et*
- 119 *Custumas* subscriptas ; Videlicet, Quod Major et Ballivi nostri dicte Civitatis nostre, ac Successores sui, Majores et Ballivi, ibidem, pro Tempore existentes, sint *Justiciarij Pacis, et Justiciarij Laboratorum*, infra Civitatem nostram predictam ; et, quod Ipsi HABEANT *Cognitionem et plenam Correctionem* Omnium et Singulorum, *Laboratorum, Artificum, et Vitellatorum*, infra dictam Civitatem nostram commorantium, ac per eandem venientium et transeuntium ;
- 120 QUODQUE Ipsi FACERE, EXCERCERE, et TERMINARE possint, Universas et Singulas Res, que ad *Officium Justiciariorum Pacis, et Justiciariorum Laboratorum* predictorum pertinent ; Secundum Formam *Legis* nostre *Communis*, ac *Consuetudinem* Terre nostre predictae, nec non *Vim et Effectum Statutorem et Ordinationum*, infra Regnum nostrum *Anglie*, et Terram nostram predictam, per Nos et Progenitores nostros, quondam Reges *Anglie*, ante hec Tempora editorum et habitorum. **Concessimus** etiam,
- 121 eisdem Majori et Communibus, ac Successoribus suis predictis, Quod Major et Ballivi nostri, Civitatis nostre predictae, ac eorum Successores, Majores et Ballivi, ibidem, pro Tempore existentes, HABERE et PRECIPERE possint, per Manus eorundem, *Majoris et Ballivorum, ac Justiciariorum Pacis, et Justiciariorum Laboratorum et Artificum*, predictorum, Omnimoda *Amerciamenta, Forisfacturas, Fines, et Exitus*, inde quovismodo

vismodo de cetero provenientia: Sic, quod 122
Justiciarij Pacis, seu *Justiciarij Laboratorum* aut
Artificum, vel aliquis alius Minister Noster, seu
 Heredum nostrorum, aut Successorum nostro-
 rum, vel alterius Persone cujuscunque, super
 dictum *Officium*, dictorum *Justiciariorum Pacis*,
 et *Justiciariorum Laboratorum* et *Artificum*, infra
 dictam Civitatem nostram, ac *Libertates* et *Bun-*
das ejusdem, de Rebus ibidem provenientibus,
 que ad hujusmodi *Officium* pertinent, Se non
 quovismodo *intromittant*, seu quicquam *faciant*,
 aut de eisdem *attemptent*: Et, insuper, **Con-** 123
firmabimus, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris
 predictis, prefatis Majori et Communibus, ac
 Heredibus et Successoribus suis predictis, im-
 perpetuum; Quod Major ejusdem Civitatis
 Nostre, et Successores sui, Majores dicte Civi-
 tatis nostre, pro Tempore existentes, Sit *Escaetor*,
 et *Clericus Mercati* nostri ibidem, ac Heredum
 nostrorum ibidem, ad *faciendas*, *exercendas*,
 et *exequendas* Omnes et Singulas Res, que ad
Officium Escaetoris, sive *Clerici Mercati*, intra Ci-
 vitatem nostram predictam et *Libertates* ejusdem,
 debite pertinent, vel respectant; Sic, quod nul- 124
 lus *Escaetor*, vel *Clericus Mercati* Nostri, seu
 Heredum nostrorum predictorum, aut aliorum
 Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque, in ea-
 dem Civitate nostra, seu *Libertatibus* ejusdem,
faciat vel *exerceat* aliquas Res, que ad *Officium*
Escaetoris, sive *Clerici Mercati* ibidem, aliquo
 modo pertinent: Qui quidem Major, ut *Escaetor*, 125
 et *Clericus Mercati*; coram *Ballivis* ejusdem Ci-
 vitatis nostre, pro Tempore existentibus, Sacra-
 mentum suum, in hujusmodi *Officio Escaetoris*, et
Clerici Mercati, ad fideliter *faciendum* et *exercendum*
Officium predictum, secundum quod *Lex* nostra,
 in hac parte exigat, prestat Corporaliter. **Con-** 126
cessimus etiam eisdem Majori et Communibus,
 ac

- ac Heredibus et Successoribus suis predictis, imperpetuum ; Quod ipsi *HABEANT libere et quiete*, in Supportationem *Feodi firme* ejusdem Civitatis nostre, *Omnimoda Terras, Tenementa, Reddita, Servicia, et Possessiones*, ac omnimoda *Fines*, et *Amerciamenta, Forisfacturas et Proficua*, infra dictam Civitatem nostram et *Franchescias* ejusdem, tanquam *Escaeta*, vel aliquo alio modo, *forisfacienda*, seu *emergentia*; absque aliquo *Compoto*, Nobis, vel Heredibus nostris predictis, vel Ministris Nostris, aut Ministris suis, inde red-
- 127 dendo ; *ALIQUA Concessione de Officio Escaetoris*, seu *Officio Clerici Mercati* nostri, infra Terram nostram *Hibernie*, per Nos, vel Predecessores, aut Progenitores nostros, alicui Persone, ante hec Tempora quovismodo facta, non obstante ; Et non obstantibus aliquibus *Statutis*, inde in Con-
- 128 trarium factis. Et ulterius, de uberiore Gratia nostra, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris predictis, **Concessimus**, predictis Majori et Communitati, ac Heredibus et Successoribus suis predictis, imperpetuum ; Quod Ipsi *HABEANT* omnimoda *Bona et Catalla*, vocata, *Wayfs*, et *Strayes*, ac *Wreccum Maris*; nec non, omnimoda *Bona et Catalla Felonum et Fugitivorum, Dampnandorum et Convincendorum*, infra Civitatem nostram predictam et Libertates ejusdem, de cetero *emergentia*; ac etiam, omnimoda *Fines et Amerciamenta Escapiorum* quorumcunque *Felonum*, extra Libertates ejusdem Civitatis *evadendorum et escapiendorum*; nec non, omnium aliarum *Foris-*
- 129 *facturarum*, ibidem habendarum : Et, quod Ipsi de Cetero sint *quieti* de hujusmodi *Finibus, Amerciamentis, et Escapeis*, erga Nos et Heredes nos-
- 130 tros, imperpetuum ; Ita quod Ipsi inde, per Nos, seu Heredes nostros, vel Ministros suos quoscumque, ex nunc, vel in futurum, non *impetantur, molestantur*, in aliquo, seu *graventur*.
ET

ET, etiam, de ampliore Gratie Plenitudine, 131

Concessimus, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris predictis, prefatis Majori et Ballivis, ac omnibus alijs Ministris dicte Civitatis nostre, et Successoribus suis, pro Tempore existentibus; Quod Ipsi *Mercandisare*, ac Vina, et alia Victualla quecumque, in Grosso, vel ad Retalliam, libere *emere*, et ea *vendere*, possint, imperpetuum; absque *Impetitione* Nostra, vel Heredum nostrorum, aut Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque; aliquo *Statuto*, vel *Ordinatione* aliqua, inde in Contrarium, ante hec Tempora eddita, seu facta, non abstante: **Hiis Testibus**, 132

Merbury Cancellario nostro Terre nostre *Hibernie*, *Willielmo de Thimbegb* Deputato Thesaurario nostro *Hibernie*, *Jacobo Uriel* Capitali Barone *Seaccarij* nostri ejusdem Terre nostre, *Roberto Sutton* Clerico Custode *Rotulorum* Cancellarie dicte Terre nostre, *Johanne Passaint* Custode *Hanaperij* ejusdem Cancellarie nostre, et multis alijs: **Datum**, per Manum prefati Deputati, apud *Dublinem*, sexto die *Februarij*, Anno Regni nostri septimo. **Nos**, attendentes grata et laudabilia 133

Obsequia, que prefati Cives et eorum Antecessores, Nobis et Progenitoribus nostris, pro Salvatione et Defensione dicte Civitatis *Dublino* et Partium vicinarum, contra hostiles *Hibernicorum* Inimicorum nostrorum Aggressus, non sine Sumptibus laboriosis, multipliciter impederunt, Se et Sua varijs Periculis Exponendo; Ac, volentes proinde, ipsos Cives, ut Negotiacionibus suis quietius intendere, et dictam Civitatem *Dublinum*, ut predictum est, securius custodire valeant; et, ut ad hoc fortius obligentur, Favore prosequi gratioso; *Donationes*, *Concessionones* et 134
Confirmationes predictas, et Omnia et Singula in *Carta* predicta contenta, RATA HABENTES et GRATA; Ea, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris,

quantum in Nobis, de Gratia nostra specialij, de *Affensu* Carissimi Consanguinei nostri *Jacobi le Bottiler* Comitis de *Ormond*, Justiciarij Nostri Terre nostre *Hibernie*, et Concilij Nostri in eadem Terra nostra ; **acceptamus approbamus** ; et, prefatis Civibus, eorumque Heredibus et Successoribus in Perpetuum, Tenore Presentium, **concedimus et confirmamus**

135 prout *Carta* predicta rationabiliter testatur. **Pre-**
terea, volentes, prefatis Civibus eorum-
 136 que Heredibus et Successoribus, Gratiam in hac
 parte facere uberiores ; **Concessimus**, pro
 Nobis et Heredibus nostris ; &, hac *Carta* nostra
Confirmavimus, prefatis Civibus, et eorum
 Heredibus et Successoribus ; Quod, licet
 ipsi Cives, aut Antecessores sui, Cives dicte
 Civitatis *Dublino*, aliqua, vel aliquibus *Libertatibus*,
Quietantijs, *Privilegijs*, ac *Immunitatibus*
 predictis, aliquo Casu emergente, haftenus plene
 usi non fuerint, vel abusi fuerint ; Ipsi tamen
 Cives, Heredes et Successores sui, Cives Civitatis
 predictae, *Libertatibus*, *Quietantijs*, *Privilegijs*,
 et *Immunitatibus* predictis, et eorum quolibet,
 de cetero, plene GAUDEANT et UTANTUR, in
 Perpetuum ; Sine *Impetitione*, *Occasione*, vel *Im-*
pedimento nostro, vel Heredum nostrorum, *Loca*
nostra Tenentium, *Justiciariorum*, *Escaetorum*, *Vice-*
comitum, *Senescallorum*, *Ballivorum*, seu *Ministro-*
rum, vel *Officiariorum* nostrorum, aut Heredum
 nostrorum quorumcunque ; aliquibus *Statutis*,
 vel *Ordinationibus*, inde in Contrarium factis,
 137 non obstantibus : **Hijs Testibus**, venerabili-
 bus R. Archiepiscopo *Dublinensi* Cancellario
 nostro, *Edwardo* Episcopo *Midenfi* Thesaurario
 Terre nostre *Hibernie*, *Edwardo Fitz Maurice*
 Comite *Kildare*, Fratre *Willielmo Fitz Thomas*
 Priore *Hospitalli Sancti Johannis Jerusalemensis*
 in *Hibernia*, et alijs : **Datum**, per Manum
 prefati

prefati *Iusticiarij* nostri, Terre nostre, predicte,
 apud Villam dell *Naas*, viceffimo octavo die
Januarij, Anno Regni nostri quinto. **Nos** 138
 autem, *Donationes*, *Concessionones*, et *Confirmati-*
ones predictas, et Omnia et Singula in *Cartis*
 et *Litteris* predictis Contenta, RATA HABENTES
 et GRATA ; *Ea*, pro Nobis et Heredibus nostris,
 quantum in Nobis est, de Gratia nostra
 speciali ; **acceptamus approbamus** ; et,
 prefatis Civibus, eorumque Heredibus et
 Successoribus in Perpetuum, Tenore Presen-
 tium, **Concedimus** et **Confirmamus** ;
 prout *Carte* et *Littere* predicte rationabiliter
 testantur ; **Preterea**, Volentes, prefatis Ci- 139
 vibus, eorumque Heredibus et Successoribus,
 Gratiam, in hac Parte, facere uberio-
 rem ; **Concessimus**, pro Nobis et Heredibus nos-
 tris ; et, hac Carta Nostra, **Confirmabimus**,
 prefatis Civibus, et eorum Heredibus et Suc-
 cessoribus, Civibus de Civitate predicta ; Quod,
 licet Ipsi, aut Antecessores Sui, Cives dicte
 Civitatis *Dublino*, aliqua, vel aliquibus *Liber-*
tatibus, *Quietantijs*, *Privilegijs*, et *Immunitati-*
bus predictis, aliquo Casu emergente, hactenus
 plene *usi* non fuerint, vel *abusi* fuerint ; Ipsi
 tamen Cives, Heredes et Successores Sui, Cives
 ejusdem Civitatis, *Libertatibus*, *Quietantijs*,
Privilegijs et *Immunitatibus* predictis, et quolibet
 eorundem, de Cetero, plene GAUDEANT et UTAN-
 TUR, in perpetuum ; absque *Impedimento*, *Oc-*
casione, sive *Impetitione* Nostri, vel Heredum
 nostrorum, *Iusticiariorum*, *Escaetorum*, *Vicecomi-* 140
tum, aut aliorum *Ballivorum*, seu *Ministrorum*
 Nostrorum, vel Heredum nostrorum quorum-
 cunque : **His Testibus**, venerabilibus Pa-
 tribus, *H.* Archiepiscopo *Cantuariensi* totius
Anglie Primate, *J.* *Bathoniensi* et *Wallensi*
 Cancellario nostro, *W.* *Lincolniensi* et *W.* *Sa-*
risburiensi,

risburiensi, Episcopis ; Carissimo Avunculo
 nostro *Humphredo Gloucestrensi*, et Carissimo
 Consanguineo nostro *Johanne Norffolcie*, Ducibus ; Carissimis Consanguineis nostris, *Johanne*
Huntingdon, *Henrico Northumberlandie*, et *Wil-*
lielmo Suffolcie Senescallo Hospicij, Comitibus ;
 Dilectis & Fidelibus nostris *Redolpho Crumb-*
well Thesaurario nostro *Anglie*, et *Radolpho*
Botiler Camerario nostro, Militibus ; Dilecto
 Clerico nostro *Willielmo de Wode* Custode privati
 Sigilli nostri, et alijs : **Datum**, per Manum
 nostram, apud *Westmonasterium*, viceffimo die
 141 *Maij*, Anno Regni nostri viceffimo. **nos**,
 Premiffis consideratis, ad *Requisitionem* COM-
 MUNIUM Terre nostre *HIBERNIE*, in PARLIA-
 MENTO nostro, apud *Le Naas*, *Die Veneris*,
 proximo post Festum *Sancti Barnabe* Apostoli,
 Anno Regni nostri primo, coram dilecto et
 fideli nostro *Thoma Fitz Maurice* Comiti *Kil-*
dare JUSTICIARIO nostro Terre nostre *Hibernie*,
inchoato et tento ; *Litteras* predictas *Patentes*,
 ac Omnia et Singula in eisdem contenta, RATA
 HABENTES et GRATA ; *Ea*, pro Nobis et Heredi-
 bus nostris, quantum in Nobis est, de Gratia
 nostra speciali, de ASSENSU prefati JUSTI-
 CIARII, ac DOMINORUM SPIRITUALIUM
 et TEMPORALIUM, ac COMMUNIUM
 Terre nostre predicte, in PARLIAMENTO no-
 stro predicto, existentium, et AUCTORITATE
 ejusdem, **approbamus** et **Confirmamus** ;
 Et, quod Major et Cives Civitatis *Dublina*, et
 eorum Successores, in Perpetuum, predictas
 FRANCHESAS, et LIBERTATES, predictis *Litteris*
Patentibus concorditer in Omnibus et Singulis
 Articulis, HABEANT et OCCUPENT, ac eis GAUDE-
 142 ANT. ULTERIUSQUE, ex ASSENSU et AUCTO-
 RITATE predicta, dictas *Litteras patentes*, tam
Bonas et *Sufficientes* **adjudicamus** et **reputa-**
mus, ac si easdem *Litteras*, nec non dictas LI-
 BERTATES

BERTATES et FRANCHESIAS, predictis Majori et Civibus, eorumque Successoribus, sub Magno Sigillo *Anglie* concefferimus de Novo, in Perpetuum: In cujus rei **Testimonium**, has ¹⁴³ *Litteras* Nostras fieri fecimus *Patentes*: **Teste** prefato JUSTICIARIO Nostro, apud DUBLINUM, quinto die *Maij*, Anno Regni nostri, Secundo.

Per Petitionem de PARLIAMENTO.

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GREAT CHARTER

OF THE

L I B E R T I E S

OF THE

C I T Y of *DUBLIN*, &c.

EDWARD, by the Grace

of God, King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*; To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Ministers and all his Bailiffs, and his Liege Subjects, *Greeting*: HAVING INSPECTED 2 the Charter of *Henry* the Sixth, late King of *Eng-*
land

- land* our Predecessor, lately made, in these Words ;
HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland* ; To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sherifs, Provosts, Ministers and all his Bailifs, and his Liege Subjects, *Greeting* :
- 3 **HAVING INSPECTED** our Charter of Confirmation, passed, under the Great Seal of our Land of *Ireland*, in these Words ; **HENRY**, by the Grace of God, King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland* ; To all and every of the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sherifs, Mayors, Sovereigns, Provosts, Bailifs, Ministers, and all his other Liege Subjects, *Greeting* :
- 4 **HAVING INSPECTED** the Charter of Confirmation, which the Lord *Henry* the Fourth, late King of *England*, our dearest Grand-father, passed, under his Great Seal of *England*, in these Words ; **HENRY**, by the Grace of God, King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland* ; To all, unto whom these present Letters shall come, *Greeting* :
- 5 **HAVING INSPECTED** the Charter of the Lord *Richard*, late King of *England*, the Second since the *Conquest* ; under the Seal, which the said late King used in his Land of *Ireland*, made in these Words ; **RICHARD**, by the Grace of God, King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland* ; To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sherifs, Provosts, Ministers and to all his Bailifs, and his Liege Subjects, *Greeting* :
- 6 **HAVING INSPECTED** the Charter of Confirmation, of the Lord *Edward*, late King of *England*, our Grand-father, made in these Words ; **EDWARD**, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and Lord of *Ireland* and *Aquitain* ; To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sherifs, Provosts, Ministers and to all his
- 7 Bailifs, and his Liege Subjects, *Greeting* : **HAVING INSPECTED**

INSPECTED the Charter of Confirmation, which the Lord *Edward*, late King of *England*, our Father, made, in these Words ; EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain* ; To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sherifs, Provofts, Ministers, and to all his Bailifs, and his Liege Subjects ; *Greeting* : HAVING IN- 8
 SPECTED the Charter, of the Lord *John* of famous Memory, formerly King of *England*, our Great Grand-father, granted to the Citizens of *Dublin*, in these Words ; JOHN, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, Duke of *Normandy* and *Aquitain*, Earl of *Anjou* ; To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sherifs, Provofts, Ministers, and to all his Bailifs, and his Liege Subjects ; *Greeting* : 9
 KNOW YE, that WE HAVE GRANTED, and by this our Charter, HAVE CONFIRMED, to our Citizens of *Dublin*, as well those dwelling without, as these, within the Walls, as far, as the Bounds of the City Liberties ; THAT They retain their Boundaries, as the same were perambulated upon the Oaths of honest Men of the said City, by the Precept of King *Henry*, our Father ; that is to 10
 say, From the eastern Part of *Dublin* and the southern Part of the Pasture, which extends, as far, as the Gate of St. *Keyvin*'s Church ; and so, along the High Way, as far, as *Kilmercaregan* ; and so, by the Mears of the Lands of *Dunnebrock*, as far, as the *Dotbir*, and from the *Dotbir*, to the Sea ; to wit, at *Clarade*, upon the Sea Coast,

Paragraph 10. THE Mears and Bounds of the Liberties of the City, are further extended, and better ascertained, by several subsequent Charters and Commissions for *Perambulation* of the City *Franchises* ; particularly one from King *James I.* which is now observed.

as far, as *Kyuenelan* : On the western Side of *Dublin*, from the Church of *St. Patrick*, along the Valley, as far, as *Karnanclonegunethe* ; and from thence, as far, as the Mears of the Land of *Kilmenan* ; and beyond the Water of *Kilmenan*, towards the River *Avenalitbe*, at the Fords of *Kilmehannock* ; and beyond the River *Avenalitbe*, on the northern Side, through *Enocknagannock* ; and from thence, as far, as the *Barns* of the Convent of the *Holy Trinity*, and from the said *Barns*, as far, as the *Gallows* ; and so, by the Mears betwixt *Clynclyth* and *Crinan*, as far, as *Tolekan* ; and from thence, to the Church of *St. Mary De Houf-*
 11 *manby* : AND, that They have all the LIBERTIES and
 FREE CUSTOMS under-written. Now, the LIBER-
 TIES, which WE HAVE GRANTED unto Them, are
 12 these ; to wit, THAT no Citizen of *Dublin* be im-
 pleaded without the Walls of the City, upon any
 Plea ; except Pleas of extern Holdings, which ap-
 13 pertain not to the *Hundreds* of the City : AND,
 that they be acquitted of *Murder*, within the Li-
 14 berties of the City : AND, that no Citizen wage
 Battle

Par. 12. THIS more strongly sets forth the *Liberties* and *Jurisdiction* of the City, and ascertains the *Privilege* of the Citizens, in a material Point ; to wit, That they should be answerable in all Suits relating to their Holdings, or Possessions in the City, within its *Liberties* and *Jurisdiction*, only ; although the Courts of Law were not then established in the City.

Par. 13. THIS Article is not, now, very intelligible, to me. I look upon it, as a *general Pardon* for *Murder*, with which, it is to be feared, many were, in those confused Times, chargeable. Though it is not improbable, it may imply their *Acquittal*, upon *Trial* to be held within the City Liberties only.

Par. 14. By an unaccountable *Barbarism*, crept into the Laws of all these northern Countries, all Matters of *Property*, or *Right*, as well, as of *Courtesy*, were determinable by single *Combat* of the Parties. This makes a part of our *Common-Law*, at this Day unrepealed, but obsolete. And we have many Instances on Record, of the most eminent Personages giving and accepting Challenges, and fighting, to determine Controversies. Private Per-
 sons

Battle within the City, upon any *Appeal*, which may, by any Man, be brought against him ; but, that he shall purge himself, by the Oaths of fourty Inhabitants of the said City, which be Liege Men : AND, that no Man shall exact *Hosting* within the 15 Walls, by *Affize*, or by *Liberation* of Marshals, against the Will of the Citizens : AND, that the 16
said

sions were not only subject to this Evil ; but Towns and Provinces were drawn into such Quarrels ; as we find Kingdoms are, at this Day. All Men were, in these Days, liable to be challenged upon an *Appeal* of Murder, &c. And the *weakest* was always deemed, and treated as, a *Criminal* ; and, if he outlived his Adversary's Rage, it was only to suffer a more ignominious Death. *Bodily Strength*, then, vainly intituled a Man to the Honor, that *Riches*, not less vainly, do now. This gave Rise to antient *Knight Errantry* and modern *Duelling*. See *Fleta*, *Bracton*, *Glanville*, *Coke*, *Littleton*, *Origin. Judicial*.

By this Article, this barbarous Custom, which was practised, in England, so late, as the 6th of *Charles I.* is abolished, in this City.

Par. 15. HOSTING.] By a Vassalage, once, universally, prevailing in these Countries ; every Lord was intituled to visit his Tenants, and to live upon them, with his whole Retinue, of *Footmen* and *Horsmen*, at Pleasure. Or, to exact *Hosting*, *Cuddies*, or Entertainments, *per Assisam*, by a certain Arbitrary *Mulct*, or *Fine*, in Money, which afterwards was called, *Coynee*, *Coyne*, or *Coin* ; or *per Liberationem*, *Livery* ; a Ticket, or Billet for *Foot* and *Horse*, to live on free Quarters. By this Clause, the Citizens of *Dublin* are exempted from this oppressive Charge ; which is afterwards, in general, prohibited, by several Statues of *Henry VI.* *Henry VII.* &c. a remarkable one, of the 10th *Hen. VII.* cited by Sir *J. Davies*, not printed ; but, these are repealed, by an Act of the 11th of *Charles I.* for Reasons best known to the *Ministry* of those Times, but, since pretty obvious. However, this Clause still exempts the Citizens of *Dublin*, from being, at any time, burthened by quartering the Army upon them, without their Consent. See Par. 50. 51. 52.

Par. 16. THIS exonerates the Citizens from *Tolls*, payable in Towns, or other infranchised Places ; and from the Customs of *Lastage*, or *Lestage*, imposed for ballasting, or lading a Ship : *Passage*, for a *Pass*, or leave, to cross, or transport Men, Goods, &c. over Seas, or Rivers : *Pontage*, a Custom imposed for the building and repairing Bridges, which were formerly, built and supported by the Crown. These were most extraordinary Privileges, in those Days ; particularly the last, which was one of the three capital public Expences ; *Expedition*, *Pontage*, and *Fortification* of Castles ; from

said Citizens be free from *Tolls*, and *Lestage*, *Passage*, and *Pontage*, and from all other Customs
 17 throughout our whole Land and Dominion : AND, that no Citizen shall be *emerced* in Money, unless according to the Law of the *Hundred* ; that is to say, by the forfeiture of fourty Shillings ; whereby he, who shall be *amerced*, shall be freed of one Moiety, and he shall give the other Moiety in *Fines* ; except three *Amerciaments* ; to wit, of *Bread*, of *Ale*, and of *Watches* ; which are *Amerciaments* of two Shillings and Six Pence, whereof one Moiety shall be remitted, and the other Moiety
 18 paid in *Fines* : AND, that the *Hundred* be held
 19 once a Week : AND, that no Man may, in any
 20 Plea, be accused upon *Miskenning* : AND, that They may justly HOLD their *Lands* and *Tenements* and their *Recognisances* and their *Debts*, throughout our whole Land and Dominion, wheresoever
 21 they may be due : AND, that they may *distrein* their Debtors, by their proper *Chattels* in *Dublin* :
 22 AND, that, as to the *Lands* and *Tenements*, which are within the City, they HOLD their *Right*, according to the Custom of the City : AND, that,
 23 of *Debts* which have been contracted within the City, and of *Recognisances* made therein, the *Pleas* may be held in the City, according to the Custom
 24 of the City : AND, that, if any Person, in any Part of our Land, or Dominion, shall have taken *Toll* from any of the Citizens ; if he will not make Restitution, after being required thereto ;

which no Man was exempt ; not even *Bishops*, *Abbots*, or *Monks*, according to *Selden*.

Par. 18. An *Hundred* is a certain Division of a County, containing ten *Tithings*, or an *hundred* Families ; or such a District of a City, as was able to send an *hundred* Men to the Wars. In all these Divisions Courts were, formerly, held, in which the *Constable* presided. But now, the Jurisdiction of the *Hundred* is devolved on the *County Court*, or *Sherif's Court*. Which is, or should be, still held once a Week.

Par. 19. MISKENNING, a false Citation, or unjust Accusation.

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the *Provost* of the City may then, *seise Chattels* in *Dublin*, and *distrein*, until Restitution be made: AND, that no *foreign Merchant* may *buy*, of any 25 *Foreigner* within the City, *Corn*, or *Hides*, or *Wool*; nor from any other, than the *Citizens*: AND, that no *Foreigner* keep a *Wine Tavern*, un- 26 less on board a *Ship*; YET, RESERVING to Our Self this Custom; that out of every *Ship*, which shall arrive there with *Wines* for Sale, Our *Bailif* in Our stead, shall choose, from whatsoever Part of the *Ship*, he will, two *Hogsheads* of *Wine*; that is to say; one before the *Mast*, and one behind the *Mast*, for Our Use; for *fourty Shillings*; to wit, one for twenty *Shillings*, and the other for twenty *Shillings*; and he shall thence take nothing further, unless with the free Will of the *Merchant*: AND, that no *Foreigner* sell *Cloath* 27 within the City, by *Retale*: AND, that no *foreign* 28 *Merchant*, with his *Wares*, shall tarry in the City, to sell his *Wares*, longer, than *fourty Days*: AND, 29 that no *Citizen* of *Dublin*, in any Part of Our Land, or Dominion, be *distreined*, or *arrested* for any Debt; UNLESS he be, the *Debtor*, or *Surety*: AND, that the said *Citizens* may marry themselves, 30 their *Sons* and their *Daughters* and their *Widows*, without *Licence* from their *Lords*; and that none of their *Lords*, on account of their extern Lands, may have the *Custody*, or *Donation* of their *Sons*, or *Daughters*, or of their *Widows*; but only the *Custody* of their *Tenements*, which are in their Fee; until the *Orphans* come to Age: AND, 31 that no *Recognition* be made within the City:

Par. 26. I CAN not be certain, whether a *Hogshead*, or *Tun*, be here reserved: *Dolium*, implying as well the one, as the other. But, as the Price is since ascertained, it can not be material. This is the Origine of the Custom of *Prisage*, or *Butlerage*, now well, known to the Merchants, in this City.

Par. 30. HERE, another Branch of the old barbarous *Vassalage*, of the *Tenants* to their *Lords*, is happily abolished.

AND,

- 32 AND, that they may have all their reasonable *Guilds*,
 as the *Burgesſes* of *Bristol* have, or more happily
 33 were accuſtomed to have: AND, that no *Citizen*
 be *compelled* to *bail* any *Perſon*, againſt his *Will*;
 although ſuch *Perſon* be dwelling on his *Land*.
 34 WE HAVE ALSO GRANTED unto them all their *Tenures*,
 within, and without the *Walls*, to the Ex-
 tent of the aforeſaid *Limits*; *to be diſpoſed of*, at
 their *Pleaſure*, by the *common Aſſent* of the *City*,
 in *Meſſuages*, and in *Plantations*; in *Buildings*,
 upon the *Water* and elſewhere, whereſoever they
 may be in the *Town*; TO BE HELD in *free Burg-*
age; that is to ſay, by *Service of Land-Gabel*,
 35 which they pay within the *Walls*. WE HAVE
 ALSO GRANTED, that every of them may *better*

Par. 32. THE firſt Charter of *Dublin*, we find on Record, is a Grant of this *City*, by the Name of *DIVELIN, Hominibus De Briſtow*; to the People of *Briſtol*, by *Hen. II.* to be, by them held well and peaceſully, freely and quietly, entirely, fully, and honorably. It is given at *Dublin*, and bears no Date. The ſecond is a Grant of it to the ſame Perſons and in the like Terms, by *John*; with the Addition, of all the *Liberties* and *free Cuſtoms*, to which they had been, before, intituled, throughout his Father's Dominions. Given at *Kildare*: Witneſſes, *Hugh de Lacy* and *Robert de Mortimer*. To this Charter the 40th Paragraph alludes. From *Briſtol*, *Dublin* derives her *Form* of Government, her *Liberties*, *Privileges*, *Cuſtoms*, the Names of many *Churches*, *Streets*, &c. Hence, we alſo derive the Inſtitution of our *Gilds*, or *Guilds*, which Word implies a Fraternity, Company, or Corporation.

Par. 33. BY antient Cuſtom, the *Tenant* was under the Protection of his *Landlord*, who was, upon all Occaſions, bound to bail him. By this Article, the *Citizens* are exempted from this Cuſtom.

Par. 34. *BURGAGE* is an antient Title of Tenure from the Crown. It is ſuppoſed to be held immediately from the King, as the Head and ſole Landlord, for a valuable Conſideration. It is a Tenure proper to Boroughs and Cities. The reſerved Rent is *Land-Gabel*, that is a Land-Tax, or *Quit-Rent*, for the ſite of an Houſe. This has been, ſince, remitted to the *Citizens*, by ſubſequent Grants from the Crown. But, it continued to be collected from all foreign, or non-franchiſed Perſons, reſiding in the *City*; till the Magiſtracy, of late, became ſo ignorant, as not to know the Difference between *Land Gabel* and *Long-Cable*. See *Divelina Libera*.

himſelf,

himself, as much as he can ; by making *Edifices*,
 wheresoever he will, upon the *Shore* ; without
damaging the *Citizens* and the *City* : AND, that 36
 They may HAVE and POSSESS all *Lands* and *Waste*
Places, within the aforesaid Limits contained ; at
 their Pleasure, to build upon. WE ALSO HAVE 37
 GRANTED to them, that neither the *Templars*,
 nor the *Hospitalers*, shall hold any *Person*, or any
Messuage exempt from the common Customs of
 the *City*, within the aforesaid Limits ; EXCEPT
 one alone. ALL these WE HAVE GRANTED UNTO 38
 them ; SAVING the *Tenures*, and *Lands* of all
 those, who have *Lands* and *Tenures*, in our *Charter*,
 from thence, without the Walls, as far, as the
 aforesaid Limits ; that the *City* may not dispose of
 those *Lands*, as it may of other Lands ; but,
 that they observe the common Customs of the *City*,
 as other Citizens do : BUT, this WE DECLARE, 39
 of those who have had our *Charter* of certain
Lands, within the said Limits, without the
 Walls, before we had granted the aforesaid Li-
 berties and this Charter. WHEREFORE, WE WILL, 40
 and firmly ORDAIN, that our aforesaid *Citizens* of
Dublin, and their *Heirs*, HAVE and HOLD all their
 aforesaid *Liberties* and *free Customs*, as prescribed,
 of us and our *Heirs* ; even as they had, at any

Par. 37. THIS discharges Clames made to certain Exemptions from Customs, by the Knights, *Templars* and *Hospitalers*, one in *St. Thomas-Street*, and the other at *Kilmainham* ; or, by those, who derive under their Titule. Mr. *Harris*, to whose Diligence and Care in Researches into the History of this Kingdom, the Public are much indebted ; tells me, that in a Copy of this Charter, transcribed into the *Black-Book* of *Christ's-Church*, there is this palpable Interpolation ; after *nisi unum Solum*, is added, *pro Ecclesia Dublini*. Though this notable Addition be now seen, only in the *Margine*, the Curious should be apprised of it ; as there is room to suspect that in more sacred Matters, weak and unjust marginal Notes have crept into, and obscured, the Text,

Par. 40. See Note on *Par. 32.* Whilst Earl of *Moriton*, that is, before he was King of England.

Time,

- Time, *more happily* and *completely* enjoyed them ;
fully, peacefully and *honorably*, without any *Im-*
pediment, or *Molestation*, which any Person may,
 in that Respect, give them ; as our *Charter*,
 which we granted unto them, whilst we were Earl
 41 of *Moreton*, doth reasonably testify. FURTHER-
 MORE, WE HAVE GIVEN and GRANTED, and by
 this our Charter HAVE CONFIRMED, to the said
 Citizens of *Dublin*, and their Heirs, one Moiety
 of the River *Avenalithe*, for fishing, with all its
Appurtanances ; TO HAVE and TO HOLD, of us
 and our Heirs for ever, *freely* and *quietly* and *fully*,
 42 WE ALSO CONFIRM to them, all the *Liberties*,
Laws, and *free Customs*, which they held by our
 Grant, whilst we were Earl of *Moreton*, as they
 have, at any Time, *better* and *more freely*
 43 and *fully* enjoyed them. AND, WE PROHIBIT,
 that any Person, contrary hereunto, do, in any
 wise, *distress*, or *disturb* them, upon Pain of our
 44 *Forfeiture* : WITNESSES hereunto, S.
 Bishop of *Bath*, G. *Fitz Peter*, Earl of *Essex*,
 R. Earl Robert de *Harecourt*,
Peter de Pratellis, *Godfrey de Constantine*, *William*
de Cantelen, *Richard de Rivers*, *Robert de Wancy*,
Godfrey de Marisco, *Robert de Placeto* : GIVEN,
 by the Hands of S. Archdeacon of *Wells*, at
 Upton, the seventh Day of *November*, in the
 45 second Year of our Reign. Now, HAVING
 RATIFIED and ACCEPTED the *Donations*, *Con-*
cessions and *Confirmations* aforesaid ; do, for us and
 our Heirs, as much as in us lies, GRANT and

Par. 41. This Grant, by subsequent Charters, is enlarged.

Par. 42. See Note on Par. 32. 40.

Par. 43. OUR FORFEITURE, Loss of Office, or Confiscation
 of Goods, &c. to the King.

Par. 44. R. Comit. Millit. perhaps, Earl Marshal.

De Pratellis, perhaps, Fielding.

De Marisco, perhaps, Marsh.

De Placeto, perhaps, Place.

CONFIRM

CONFIRM them unto the said Citizens, and to their Heirs and Successors, Citizens of the said City ; as the aforesaid Charter doth reasonably testify ; and, according, as the said Citizens, and their Predecessors, have hitherto reasonably used and enjoyed the aforesaid Liberties and Immunities :

WITNESSES, hereunto, the venerable Fathers, *W.* 46
 Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury* Primate of all *England*,
W. Bishop of *Exeter* ; *Adomar de Valence* Earl of
Pembroke, *Humphrey de Bobun* Earl of *Hereford*
 and *Essex*, *Hugh le Dispencer* the Elder, *Robert de*
Mount alto, *Robert Fitz Pagan*, *Bartholomew de*
Bedlesmere, *John de Crumbwell*, Steward of our
 Household, and others: GIVEN, under our Hand,
 at *Westminster*, the eleventh Day of *July*, in the tenth
 Year of our Reign. HAVING ALSO INSPECTED 47
 Our *Letters Patent*, passed under Our great Seal,
 which We use in *Ireland*, in these Words ; ED- 48
 WARD, by the Grace of God, King of *England*,
 and Lord of *Ireland* and *Aquitain* ; To all, unto
 whom these present Letters shall come, Greet-
 ing: HAVING INSPECTED certain *Letters Pa-* 49
tent of the Lord *Edward*, late King of *England*,
 Our Father, passed under the great Seal, which he
 used in *England*, in these Words ; EDWARD, by the
 Grace of God, King of *England*, and Lord of
Ireland and *Aquitain* ; to all, unto whom these
 present Letters shall come, Greeting : KNOW YE, 50
 that, WHEREAS the Lord *John*, formerly King of
England, Our Progenitor, by his Charter, which
 We have confirmed, did grant unto the Citizens of
 Our City of *Dublin*, in *Ireland*, that no Man should
 exact *Hosting*, within the Walls, by *Affize*, or by
Liberation of Marshals, against the Will of the said
 Citizens ; and WHEREAS certain of the Ministers

Par. 46. Le Dispencer, probably, Spencer.

De Mount alto, probably, Heighmount.

Fitz Pagan, probably, Fagan.

Par. 50. 51. 52. See Note on Par. 15. which Article, these extend and confirm.

of these Parts, under Color of their Office, as well,
 have made *Liberation*, for some Time, in the
 Houses of the aforesaid Citizens, within the afore-
 said Walls, against the Tenor of the aforesaid
 Grants and Confirmations; as seised and carried
 off other their Goods and Chattels, in the said
 City; against their Wills; by which the said
 City is endamaged, and the said Citizens are im-
 51 mensely impoverished, as we are informed: WE,
 WILLING to provide for the Safety of Our said
 City, as also for the Peace and Tranquility of Our
 Citizens of the said City; and, in this Respect,
 52 to render them a more abundant Favor; HAVE
 GRANTED unto them, for Us and Our Heirs, that no
 Minister of Ours, nor any other Person, *quarter* in
 the Houses of the said Citizens, or of their Heirs, or
 Successors of the Citizens of the said City, within
 the aforesaid Walls; nor, by any Means, make *Li-*
beration in them, nor exact *Hosting*, in the said
 Houses, for any Service, by *Affize*, or by *Libera-*
tion, against the Tenor of the Charters and Confir-
 mations aforesaid; nor *take* the Goods, or *Chattels*
 of the aforesaid Citizens, or of their Heirs, or Suc-
 53 cessors, contrary to their Inclinations; SAVING,
 to Us and Our Heirs, Our antient and long ac-
 54 customed Duties: IN TESTIMONY whereof, We
 have caused these Our Letters to be made *Patent*.
 WITNESS OURSELF, at *Nottingham*, the four-
 teenth Day of *August*, in the twelveth Year of
 55 our Reign. HAVING ALSO INSPECTED certain
 Letters Patent, passed under Our great Seal,
 which We lately used in *England*, in these Words;
 56 EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of *Eng-*
land, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*;
 To the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors,
 Earls, Barons, Justices, Sherifs, Provosts, Mini-
 sters, and to all his Bailifs, and his Lieges, *Greet-*
ing:

ing: KNOW YE, that We, mindful of the accept- 57
 able and laudable Services, which Our beloved the
 Mayor and Citizens of Our City of *Dublin*, in *Ire-*
land, and their Ancestors, have manifoldly render-
 ed to Us and to Our Progenitors; and to Us daily,
 and especially for the Preservation and Defence of
 the aforesaid City, and the Parts adjacent, against
 the hostile Assaults of the *Irish*, who strive to invade
 Our Lands and those of Our Liege Men therein,
 and to oppress and plunder our People; cease
 not, at immense Expence and Labor, to render;
 exposing their Persons and their Properties to
 divers Perils: AND WILLING, on that Account, 58
 to manifest to them Our gracious Favor, that they
 may be able to apply themselves more peace-
 fully to their Trades and Commerce; HAVE 59
 GRANTED, of Our Special Grace, to the aforesaid
 Mayor and Citizens, for Us and Our Heirs; and,
 by this Our Charter, HAVE CONFIRMED, that They,
 their Heirs, and Successors, Citizens of the said
 City, be not *impannelled* on *Juries*, for holding any
Recognitions, or *Inquisitions*, which, on Account of
 their *extern Lands*, or *Tenements*, or on Account
 of *Trespases*, *Contracts*, *Covenants*, or other *extern*
Affairs whatsoever, may arise, before the *Justices*,
 or other *Ministers* of Us and Our Heirs; while
 they reside within the said City: AND, that *ex-* 60
tern Men be not *impanelled*, with the said *Citi-*
zens on *Juries*, for holding any *Recognitions*, or
Inquisitions whatsoever; which, on Account of *Lands*,
 or *Tenements* in the said City, or of *Trespases*,
Contracts, *Covenants*, or other *intern* *Affairs*, may
 arise; UNLESS the matter concerns Us, or Our
 Heirs, or the *Commonalty* of the said City: AND 61
 that the said Mayor and Citizens and their Heirs,
 or Successors, upon any *Appeals*, *Trials*, *Damages*,
Felonies, *Calumnies*, *Pleas*, or *Demands*, with which
 they are charged, or to be charged, within the
 M 2 said

- said City ; be not committed by *Foreigners* ; but
 only, by their *Fellow Citizens* ; UNLESS the Matter
 concerns Us, or Our Heirs, or the *Commonalty* of
 62 the said City : AND, that they, and their Heirs,
 or Successors, be not *accused*, in any *Plea*, upon
 63 *Miskenning* : AND, that the aforesaid Mayor and
 Citizens, and their Heirs, and Successors, be not
 made *Sherifs*, *Coroners*, *Controllers*, or other
Bailifs, or *Ministers* of Us, or Our Heirs ; or
Receivers of the *Monies*, or *Rents* of Us, or Our
 Heirs, *without* the said City ; contrary to the
 Will of the said Mayor and Citizens, or their
 Successors, for ever ; while they reside within
 64 the said City : AND, no *Justice*, *Bailif*, or
Minister of Us, or Our Heirs, shall *take* aught
 of the Goods, or Merchandises of the aforesaid
 Mayor and Citizens, or of their Heirs, or Suc-
 cessors, or of any others whatsoever, coming
 into the aforesaid City ; against the Will of the
 Owners of such Goods and Merchandises ; UN-
 LESS, in the Presence of Us, or Our Heirs, for the
 Use of Us, and Our Heirs ; and likewise, for the
fortifying the *Castles* of Us, and Our Heirs, in the
 aforesaid Parts ; when, from any Causes, it shall
 65 become necessary to fortify the same : AND, that
 the said Mayor and Citizens, and their Heirs and
 Successors, may HAVE, MAKE, and EXERCISE, in
 the Absence of Us, and Our Heirs, the *Affize* of
Bread and *Beer*, and the *Custody* and *Assays* of
Measures and *Weights*, and of all other Matters
 whatsoever, appertaining to the Affair of a Mar-
 ket in the said City, for ever ; and may, duly
punish all *Transgressors* of the said *Affize* of *Bread*
 and *Beer*, and *correct* and *amend* *Defects* of the
Measures and *Weight*, and of other Matters

appertaining to the said Affair of the Market ;
 So, THAT the *Clerk* of the *Market*, or any *Minister* 66
 of Us, or Our Heirs, may *not enter* the said City,
 to *do*, or to *execute* therein, any Thing, which
 appertains to the said Affair of the Market ; EX-
 CEPT only, to *oversee*, *approve* and *examine* the
Standard of the said City ; and to *correct* and
amend defects, and *excesses* found, or to be found
 in the said *Standard* : AND, that all *Advantages* 67
 arising from this Kind of *Affise* and *Affay*, in the said
 City ; the aforesaid *Standard excepted* ; may be-
 long to the said Mayor and Citizens, their Heirs
 and Successors, in Aid of their *Rents* of the said
 City ; SAVING nevertheless, that, if in Presence 68
 of Us, or of Our Heirs, or of the Justices of Us,
 or Our Heirs, of the aforesaid Lands, any Person
 should make *complaint*, that the *Mayor* and *Bailifs*
 of the said City, were *negligent*, and *remiss*, in
performing, or *executing* the Premises ; THEN
 Our *Justice*, or the *Justice* of our Heirs, in
 the said Land, for the time being, by himself,
 or by any other Person, whom he shall depute
 for this Purpose ; may, at the *Suit* of such *Com-*
plainants, *look into*, or *cause to be looked into*, the mat-
 ter or which such *Complaint* may be made ; AND, if 69
 he lawfully find the said *Mayor* and *Bailifs*, *negli-*
gent, and *remiss*, in the matter, of which such
Complaint happens to be so made ; that He, then,
 cause that matter to be *redressed*, as is meet, and
 duly *punish* and *chastise* the said *Mayor* and *Bailifs* ;
 ALWAYS RESERVING, to Us and Our Heirs,
 the *Fines* and *Amerciaments* of the said *Mayor* and
Bailifs, on this Occasion ; and the Penalty of that,
 which, by the said *Justice*, or his *Deputy*, shall
 happen to be laid, as aforesaid. WE HAVE ALSO, 70
 GRANTED,

Par. 70. MURAGE is a Toll for every loaden Horse, or Car-
 riage, going in, out, or through any walled Town, arising by
 Grant,

GRANTED, for Us and Our Heirs ; and, by this. Our Charter, HAVE CONFIRMED, to the said Mayor and Citizens ; that they, and their said Heirs and Successors, for ever, BE FREE from *Murage, Pavage, Pontage, Passage, Kayage* ; and from all other such like Customs, of all *Merchandises* and of all their *Goods*, of what kindsoever ; throughout Our Kingdom, Our Land of *Ireland*, and Our

71 Dominion. WHEREFORE WE WILL, and FIRMLY ORDAIN, for Us and Our Heirs ; that the said Mayor and Citizens, their Heirs and Successors, HAVE and HOLD *all* and *singular* the before mentioned

72 LIBERTIES, as aforesaid, for ever : WITNESSES to these Presents, the venerable Fathers, *W. Arch-Bishop of York* Primate of *England*, *R. Durham* Our Chancellor and *H. Lincoln* Our Treasurer, Bishops ; The Earl of *Cornwall*, Our most dear Brother, *Thomas Beauchamp* Earl of *Warren*, *Thomas de Wale*, *Willam de Roos* of *Hanneleck*, *Ralph de Nevil*, Steward of Our Household, and others : GIVEN under Our Hand, at *York*, the thirteenth Day of *October*, in the eighth

73 Year of our Reign. Now, WE, at the Request of the *Mayor* and *Commonalty* of the said City, according to the Tenor of these Presents, HAVE CAUSED the aforesaid Letter to be EXEMPLIFIED :

74 IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused these *Our Letters* to be made *Patent* : WITNESS *Leonel* Duke of *Clarence*, Earl of *Ulster*, Our most dearly beloved Son, our *Lieutenant*, in our Land

Grant, or Prescription, for walling the same. It was originally, a personal Labor, imposed upon the Inhabitants and Neighbours ; but afterwards, reduced to a pecuniary Tax, called, *Murage*.

PAVAGE, a Tax in the same Manner, imposed for making and repairing Pavements and High Ways.

PONTAGE and *Passage* ; see Note on *Par.* 16.

KAYAGE ; Toll payable for loading, or unloading Goods, at a *Kay*, or *Quay* ; or at a Wharf, or Crane.

FROM all these, and such like Tolls and Customs, the Citizens are exempted, throughout the King's Dominions, as well, of *England*, as of *Ireland*.

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of Ireland, at Dublin, the twenty sixth Day of September, in the thirty seventh Year of our Reign. WE, mindful of the acceptable and laudable Services, which the aforesaid Citizens and their Ancestors, have manifoldly rendered to Us and to our Progenitors ; and to Us, daily, and especially for the Preservation and Defence of that City, and the Parts adjacent, against the hostile Assaults of our Irish Enemies, who daily strive to invade Our Lands, and those of our Liege Men, in Our Land of Ireland, and to plunder and destroy Our People therein ; cease not, to render, at immense Expende and Labor ; exposing their Persons and their Properties to sundry Dangers ; WILLING furthermore, to manifest Our gracious Favor to the said Citizens ; AND, that they may, henceforth, be able more peaceably to carry on their Commerce, and more securely, keep the said City ; and that they may, hereunto, be the more firmly engaged ; HAVING RATIFIED and ACCEPTED the aforesaid Donations, Concessions, and Confirmations ; Them, for Us and Our Heirs, DO RATIFY, APPROVE ; and, to the said Citizens, and to their Heirs and Successors ; DO GRANT and CONFIRM, for ever ; as the Charters and Letters aforesaid more fully testify. FURTHERMORE, WE WILLING, in Consideration of the Premises, to render the said Citizens a more abundant Favor ; HAVE GRANTED, for Us and Our Heirs ; and, by this our Charter, HAVE CONFIRMED, unto the aforesaid Citizens, and their Heirs, and Successors ; that, although the Citizens, or their Ancestors, upon some Emergency, may not fully have enjoyed some, or other of the Liberties, Acquittances, Privileges, and Immunities aforesaid ; yet, the said Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors, Citizens of the said City, may, henceforth fully ENJOY and EXERCISE the Liberties, Acquittances, Privileges, and Immunities aforesaid, for ever ; without any Impediment, from Us, or our Heirs,

Justices,

- Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or any other of Our*
 78 *Bailiffs, or Ministers* whatsoever. AND FURTHERMORE, WHEREAS certain *Liberties and Privileges*, not above expressed, are granted, by Us and our Progenitors to the Cities of *Waterford*, and *Cork*, and Town of *Drogheda*; as appears to Us, by *Inspection* of the *Rolls* of the *Chancery* of
 79 Us, and our Progenitors aforesaid; WE HAVE GRANTED, for Us, and Our Heirs; and, by this Our Charter, HAVE CONFIRMED, to the said Citizens of *Dublin*, and their Heirs and Successors, all such *Liberties and Privileges*, as the Citizens of the said Cities of *Waterford* and *Cork* and the Burghesses of the said Town of *Drogheda*, thus possess; by the said Citizens of the City of *Dublin*, and their Heirs and Successors for ever, to be ENJOYED; to
 80 wit; THAT their *Mayor*, chosen *every Year*, from among themselves; do, in the presence of the COMMONALTY of the said City, take the proper Oath, before HIM, who preceded him in that Office, the
 81 last preceding Year; UNLESS Our *Justice of Ireland* or some *Baron* of the *Royal Exchequer*, shall be present, in the said City, at the time of such Election; before whom, then, such Oath is to be taken:
 82 AND, that the said Citizens of the City of *Dublin*, and their Heirs and Successors, Citizens of the said City, HAVE Return of all *Writs* of Us, and our Heirs; as well of *Summons* as of *Attachements*, of all and singular matters arising within the said City of *Dublin*, and the *Suburbs* thereof;
 83 so, THAT the *Ministers* of Us and our Heirs, in *Ireland*, may not enter the said City of *Dublin*, or the *Suburbs* thereof, to *Summon*, or to *Attache*, or

Par. 78. The City of *Cork* entered into an Association with the Cities of *Dublin*, *Waterford*, and *Limerick*, and with the Town of *Drogheda*, to protect them, and punish Incroachers on, or Violators of, their Franchises, or Liberties. 10. EDW. III. Inroll. in the *Treasury Office*, DUBLIN.

to make Execution of any Process arising therein;
 UNLESS in Case of Failure of the Mayor and 84
 Bailiffs of the said City; EXCEPT four Pleas, to
 wit, *DE RAPTU, INCENDIO, FOR-* 85
STALLAMENTO, THESAURO IN-
VENTO; if they happen in the said City, or
 Suburbs thereof, which WE WILL to remane totally
 to Us and to Our Heirs, and to Our Ministers,
 in Ireland: AND, that the said Citizens of the 86
 City of Dublin, and their Heirs and Successors,
 Citizens thereof, be not impannelled upon any Ju-
 ries, or Recognitions, without the said City of Dub-
 lin, or the Suburbs thereof; to be held, on account
 of their Lands and Tenement, without the City
 and Suburbs aforesaid, or of their Holdings with
 in the same; so long, as they shall be Resident
 in the said City, or Suburbs. AND, that none of 87
 the aforesaid Citizens of the said City of Dublin,
 shall be impleaded, without the Walls of the said
 City of Dublin, upon any Plea; but, within the
 Walls of the said City, in their Guild-hall; EXCEPT
 concerning Pleas, and extern Tenures, which do not
 appertain to the Hundreds of the said City of Dublin:
 AND, that the Mayor and Bailiffs of the said City, 88
 for the Time being, in the Guild-hall of the said
 City, HOLD Cognizance of all Pleas, as well of

Par. 85. *DE RAPTU*, of Rape, or Ravishment.

DE INCENDIO, of Burning.

DE FORSTALLAMENTO, of Forestalling; that is,
 buying, or bargaining for, any Corn, Cattle, Goods, or Merchan-
 dises, as they are coming to Fairs, or Markets, before they are
 brought thither, and there publicly exposed to Sale; with Intent
 to sell the same again, at an advanced Price.

DE THESAURO INVENTO, of Treasure-Trove;
 Gold, or Silver found under Ground, the Property unknown. This,
 by the Common Law, belongs to the Crown, and it is penal to
 conceal it. The Finder should always give Notice, of such Treas-
 ure found, to the Coroners, Sheriff, or Lord of the Manor. Here, it
 is vested in the City.

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Tenures,

Tenures, within the City and Suburbs aforesaid,
 and the *Liberties* thereof; as of all *Trespässes*,
Covenants, and *Contracts* whatsoever, arising
 within the *City, Suburbs and Liberties* aforesaid;
 and MAKE *Execution of Judgments*, in such *Pleas*,
 delivered before them, within the said *City, Su-*
 89 *burbs and Liberties*; SAVE always *ORDINANCES* of
 90 the *Staple*, made by Us and Our *COUNCIL*: AND,
 that none of the said *Citizens* of the aforesaid *City*
 of *Dublin*, plead, or be impleaded; without the said
City, of Lands, or Tenements, which are within
 the *City, Suburbs and Liberties* aforesaid; nor of
Trespässes, Covenants, or Contracts, made within
 the said *City, Suburbs and Liberties*, or, any others
 91 therein arising; UNLESS such *Pleas* concern Us, or
 Our *Heirs*, or the *Commonalty* of the said *City* of
 92 *Dublin*: AND, that the *Mayor and Bailifs* of the
 said *City of Dublin*, for the Time being, may ac-
 count by their *sufficient Attornies*, and be admitted
 to render the same into the aforesaid *Exchequer*;
 93 So, THAT their *Deputies* be admitted, before the
Treasurer and Barons of the *Exchequer* of the
 82 Kingdom of *Ireland*, when the said *Exchequer* shall
 be held in any other Place, than in the said *City*;
 upon all Manner of *Accounts and Debts* affecting
 the said *Mayor and Bailif*, or the *Commonalty* of
 the aforesaid *City*; and to render such *Accounts*,
 by their said *Attornies*, into the *Exchequer* afore-
 94 said; So, THAT the Payment of Our *Dues* shall,
 95 by that means, be, in no wise, retarded: AND, that
 no *Bailif* of Ours, or of Our *Heirs*, or of any
 other Person whatsoever, take any *Citizen* of the
 said *City of Dublin*, nor imprison him, whilst he can
 96 procure *sufficient Bail*; UNLESS for *Felony*, or some
 other enormous *Offence*, for which he may not be
 97 bailable: AND, also, that the aforesaid *Citizens* of
 the *City of Dublin*, and their *Heirs and Successors*,
Citizens of the same *City*, HAVE and HOLD the said
City, Suburbs and Liberties, with all its *Commodities*
Issues,

Issues, Profits, and other usual Appurtenances;
 and, with all the LIBERTIES and FREE CUSTOMS,
 which they have hitherto *enjoyed*, in the Times of
 Our Progenitors aforesaid, or in Ours; according
 as They more *happily, fully, and freely have enjoyed*,
 and still *do enjoy* the same: AND, that no *Sherif,* 98
Bailif, or other *Minister* of Us, or Our Heirs, *do*
intrude, to Attache, or to Summon, upon any Oc-
 casion, within the *City, Suburbs, or Liberties* aforesaid;
 EXCEPT the *Mayor, Bailifs, and Coroners,* of 99
 the said *City,* who are *answerable* in *Pleas* of the
Crown, before Our *Itinerant Judges* for holding
common Pleas, in the said *City of Dublin:* UNLESS
 in *Failure* of the *Mayor, Bailifs* and *Coroners* aforesaid:
 AND, if any of the aforesaid *Citizens* of the 100
 said *City of Dublin,* shall be *attached, without*
the Walls of the said *City;* the *Mayor* and *Citi-*
zens of the said *City* may HOLD THEIR COURT
 thereupon, and *administer Justice* to the *Complain-*
ant; in like manner, as an *Earl, Baron,* or
 other *Peer* of *Ireland* should *hold his Court* upon
 his *Tenants;* according to the *LAW* of Our Land
 of *Ireland:* AND, moreover, WHEREAS the said 101
Citizens of the *City of Dublin,* have made it ap-
 pear to Us, by their *Petition,* perferred before
 Us, and Our Council; THAT *they have* such a
 Privilege, “ *That no foreign Merchant should*
Sell, by Retale his Merchandises within the said
City. ” NOTWITHSTANDING *which Privilege,*
 some foreign Merchants, *under Color of the STA-*

Par. 101. STAPLE; a public Mart, or Market, where Goods
 and Merchandises are publicly bought and sold. Ordinance of the
 Staple, is a Statute for regulating Matters relating to Merchandise
 and Marts. There is a Staple Court established in this City, and
 all Staple Towns; held before the Mayor and Constable of the Staple,
 to recover Debts relating to Merchants and Merchandises; which is
 to be done in a summary Way, by the Law-Merchant, or LAW of
 the Staple.

TUTE OF ORDINANCE OF STAPLE, lately published, in which it is set forth, " THAT all Merchants, coming to the Staple of the Cities, and Boroughs in Our Kingdom of England, and Our Lands of Ireland and Wales, may sell their Merchandises, by Whole Sale, or Retale, or by Parcels, without Cavil ; " do come to the said City of Dublin, and at their Discretion sell and buy Merchandises therein, by Retale, as freely, as the Merchants of the said City ; and so, in a Manner, engross all the Profits, which may arise from the buying and selling of Merchandises in the said City ; giving no Aid, or Contribution towards the Charges incumbent on the said

102 City, for the Preservation and Defence thereof ; AND also, WHEREAS, under Color of an Ordinance by Us lately made, THAT all Wool, Hides, and other Merchandises, from our Kingdom and Lands aforesaid, for foreign Parts, be carried to our Town of Cales and not elsewhere ; The said Citizens are bound to carry their Merchandises ; to wit, Old Cloath, Wool, Hides, and other exempted Goods ; which are very unlike, and different from the Merchandises of other Lands ; to the said Town of Cales ; where they can hardly sell such Merchandises for any Value, or get Wines, Iron, Salt, or other Merchandises, fit, or advantageous for the said Land of Ireland : AND,

103 WHEREAS, the said Citizens having sold their Merchandises, for a small Price, at the said Town of Cales ; They must take new Frete toward some Parts of England, Gascony and elsewhere, to search therein for Merchandises fit for their Country, and so, to discharge two Fretes,

Par. 102. OLD CLOATH; This is somewhat obscure to me; but, I apprehend, it implies Cloath of the Old Standard; that is, Narrow Cloath, or Frize.

for one ; to the great Detriment and manifest
 Impoverishment of the said Citizens: WE, WILL- 104
 ING, in Consideration of the Premisses, to pro-
 vide for the Peace and Advantage of the said
 Citizens ; HAVE GRANTED, for Us and Our
 Heirs ; and, by this Our Charter, HAVE CON-
 FIRMED ; That all *foreign Merchants*, who shall
buy, or *sell* Merchandises, within the said City,
 according to the Tenor of the aforesaid *Statute*,
pay and be *obliged to pay*, with the aforesaid Ci-
 tizens, in *Aids* and *Contributions*, to the Support
 of *Tallage*, and other Charges incumbent on the
 said City, according to the *Quantity* of the
 Commodity *bought*, or *sold*, and to this, *be com-*
pelled, as shall be found just : AND, that the 105
 same Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors
 may carry *Old Cloath*, *Wool*, *Hides*, and all other
 Wares, the Product of the said Land of *Ireland* ;
Corn, at the Time prohibited, *only excepted* ; to
 the Parts of *England*, *Gascony* and other Places,
 where they shall see more expedient, for Ever ;
 as, before the aforesaid *Ordinance*, they were ac-
 customed to do ; the *Statute* and *Ordinance* afore-
 said, notwithstanding : WHEREFORE, WE WILL 106
 and FIRMLY COMMAND, for Us and Our Heirs ;
 That the aforesaid Citizens of the said City of
Dublin, and their Heirs and Successors, of the
 City aforesaid, HAVE all the *Liberties*, *Acquit-*
tances, *Privileges* and *Immunities* aforesaid ; and
 fully ENJOY and OCCUPY the same, as aforesaid,
 for Ever : WITNESSES hereunto, The venerable 107
 Fathers, S. Ely Our Chancellor, ***** Worcester

Par. 105. WHAT is to be thought of those, who deny Us the
 Benefit of this *material*, this *fundamental Article* of this OUR CHAR-
 TER ? By what Authority is Our Trade, in *these* Particulars, re-
 trenched ? By none, but *Law-less* Force ! exercised by the very
Hirelings, who live upon this poor Country and City !

Treasurer,

Treasurer, Bishops; *John Duke of Lancaster*
 Our most dearly beloved Son, *Richard of Arundell*, *Humphrey De Bohun* of *Essex* and *Hereford*,
William of *Salisbury*, and *Thomas De Veer* of *Oxford* Our Chamberlain, Earls; *Henry De Percy*,
Edward La Dispenser, *John Attales* Steward of
 Our Household, and others: GIVEN under Our
 Hand, at *Westminster*, the twenty-second Day of
November, in the thirty-seventh Year of Our
 108 Reign. WE MINDFULL of the acceptable and
 laudable Services, which the aforesaid Citizens
 and their Ancestors, have manifoldly rendered
 to Us, and to Our Progenitors, at painful Ex-
 pences; for the Preservation and Defence of the
 said City, and the Parts adjacent, against the
 hostile Assaults of Our *Irish* Enemies; exposing
 their Persons and their Properties to sundry Dan-
 gers; AND MOREOVER, WILLING to manifest
 Our gracious Favor to the said Citizens, that
 they may be enabled, more peacefully, to carry
 on their Commerce, and more securely to keep
 the said City of *Dublin*; and that hereunto,
 109 they may be more firmly engaged; HAVING
 RATIFIED and ACCEPTED the *Donations*, *Con-*
cessions and *Confirmations* aforesaid, and the said
Charter of Our Grandfather aforesaid, and all
 therein contained; Them, for Us and Our Heirs,
 as much as in Us lies, according to the Tenor of
 these Presents, DO RATIFY, APPROVE; and, to
 the aforesaid Citizens, and their Heirs and Suc-
 cessors, for EVER; DO GRANT and CONFIRM, as
 the aforesaid *Charter* doth reasonably testify.
 110 MOREOVER, WILLING, in Consideration of the
 Premises, to render the said Citizens, in this
 111 Respect, a more abundant Favor; WE HAVE
 GRANTED, for Us and Our Heirs; and, by this
Our Charter, HAVE CONFIRMED, to the aforesaid
 Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors; That,
 although the same Citizens, and their Ancestors,
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upon some Emergency, might not have, hitherto, enjoyed some, or other of the *Liberties, Acquittances, Privileges, or Immunities* aforesaid; yet, the said Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors, Citizens of the said City, may, henceforth, fully ENJOY and EXERCISE the *Liberties, Acquittances, Privileges, and Immunities* aforesaid, and every of them, without Impediment of Us, or Our Heirs, *Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs,* or other *Bailiffs, or Ministers* whatsoever: WIT- 112
NESSES hereunto, the venerable Fathers, R. Arch-Bishop of *Dublin* Chancellor, E. Bishop of *Cbichester*,**** A. Bishop of *Meath*, R. Bishop of *Offory*, *Thoma* Duke of *Gloucester* Our Uncle, *Edward* Earl of *Rotel.** and *Cork*, *Rager de Mortimer* Earl of *Marche* and *Ulster*, Our most dearly beloved Kinsmen; *John de Holland* Earl of *Huntindon*, Our most dearly beloved Brother; *John de Leonell*, *Thomas de Percy* Stewards of Our Household, W. ***** Our Chamberlain of *Ireland*, and others: GIVEN under Our Hand, at *Kilkenny*, the twenty-fourth Day of *April*, in the eighteenth Year of Our Reign. WE, in Consideration of the 113
acceptable and laudable Services, which the aforesaid Citizens, and their Ancestors, not without painful Expences, have manifoldly rendered to Us and to Our Progenitors; for the Preservation and Defence of the said City of *Dublin*, and the adjacent Parts, against the hostile Assaults of Our *Irish* Enemies; exposing their Persons and their Properties to sundry Dangers; AND moreover, WILLING to manifest Our gracious Favor to the said Citizens, that they may be enabled more peaceably to carry on their Commerce, and more securely to keep the said City, as aforesaid, and that, here- 114
unto, they may be more firmly engaged; HAV-
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ING RATIFIED and ACCEPTED the *Donations, Concessions* and *Confirmations* aforesaid, and all and singular the *Contents* of the said *Charter*; *Them*, for Us and Our Heirs, as much, as in Us lies, DO ACCEPT, APPROVE; and, to the said Citizens, and to their Heirs and Successors, for ever, of Our special Grace, according to the Tenor of these Presents, DO GRANT AND CONFIRM, as the *Charter* aforesaid, doth reasonably testify :

115 IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caused these Our *Letters* to be made *Patent*: WITNESS OURSELF, at *Westminster*, the twenty third Day of *November*, in the second Year of our Reign.

116 LIKEWISE, WE HAVE INSPECTED the *Charter*, which Our most dear Father, *Henry* the Fifth, late King of *England*, passed under the great Seal, which Our said Father used in his Land of *Ireland*, in these Words; HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*; To all and singular the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Knights, Justices, Sherifs, Mayors, Sovereigns, Provosts, Bailifs, Ministers and his other Liege

117 Men, GREETING: KNOW YE, that, of Our Special Grace, by the Assent of the venerable Father in Christ, *Richard* Arch-Bishop of *Dublin*, Deputy of Our beloved and trusty *John Talbot* of *Halomshire* Knight, our *Lieutenant* of our Land of *Ireland*; and by Advice of said Deputy, in Consideration of the *good Services, Labors, Expences* and *Losses*, which our beloved Lieges, the *Mayor* and *Commonalty* of our City of *Dublin*, to Us have heretofore *rendered* and *sustained*, for the Preservation and Defence of our Trusty Lieges therein, and for the *Support* of the *Walls, Towers*, and *Pavements*, and divers other Charges of the same City; AND WILLING, on that Account, to render the said *Mayor* and *Commonalty*, a special

cial Favor ; WE DO GRANT, for Us and Our
 Heirs, unto the aforesaid *Mayor and Commonalty*,
 and to their Heirs and Successors, for ever, the
 several *Liberties, Franchises and Customs* under-
 written ; to wit ; THAT our *Mayor and Bailiffs* 119
 of our said City and their Successors, *Mayors*
 and *Bailiffs* therein, for the time being, may be
Justices of Peace, and *Justices of Laborers*, within
 Our City aforesaid ; and, that they HAVE the
Cognizance, and *entire Correction* of all and every
Laborer, Artificer, and Viſtualler, dwelling with-
 in Our said City, and of those, who come into,
 or pass through, the same ; AND, that they may 120
 ACT, EXERCISE and DETERMINE all and every
 Matter, or thing, which appertains to the Office
 of *Justices of the Peace*, and *Justices of Laborers*
 aforesaid ; agreeable to the Form of Our *Com-*
mon Law, and to the *Customs* of Our said
 Land, and the Force and Efficacy of the *Sta-*
tutes and Ordinances, in Our Kingdom of *Eng-*
land, and Our Land aforesaid, by Us and Our
 Progenitors, formerly Kings of *England*, here-
 tofore made and used. WE HAVE ALSO GRANT- 121
 ED to the same *Mayor and Commonalty*, and their
 Successors aforesaid, that our *Mayor and Bailiffs*
 of our City aforesaid and their Successors,
Mayors and Bailiffs therein, for the time being,
 may TAKE and RECEIVE, by the Hands of the
 same *Mayor, and Bailiffs*, and *Justices of Peace*,
 and *Justices of Laborers and Artificers* aforesaid,
 all manner of *Amerciaments, Forfeitures, Fines*,
 and *Issues*, thence in any manner, for the future,
 arising ; So, THAT the *Justices of the Peace*, or the 122
Justices of Laborers, or Artificers, or any other
Minister of Us, or of our Heirs, or Successors,
 or of any other Person whatsoever, upon the said
 Office, of the said *Justices of the Peace*, and *Justi-*
ces of Laborers and Artificers, within Our said
 City and the *Liberties and Limits* thereof, of

Matters arising therein, which belong to such Office, shall not *intrude*, or *do*, or *attempt to do*
 123 any thing relating thereto. AND moreover, WE HAVE GRANTED, for Us and Our Heirs aforesaid, to the before mentioned *Mayor* and *Commonalty*, and their Heirs and Successors, for ever; that the *Mayor* of Our said City, and his Successors, Mayors of Our said City, for the time being, BE Our *Escheator* and *Clerk* of Our *Market* therein, and of Our Heirs, therein, to ACT, EXERCISE and EXECUTE all and every thing, which justly appertains, or relates to the Office of *Escheator*, or of *Clerk of the Market*, within our City aforesaid and the Liberties
 124 thereof; SO, THAT no *Escheator*, or *Clerk of the*

Par. 123. Escheator, from *Escheat*, which is formed from an old Norman Word, which signifies *to happen*. All *Chattels*, *Lands*, or *Tenements*, which casually fall to the King, or to the Lord of a Manor, by way of *Forfeiture*, as in *Treason*, &c. or by the Death of his Tenant, without an Heir, general, or special; are called, *Escheats*; as the Officer, by whom they are discovered, is called, *Escheator*. This was an Officer, formerly appointed in every County, to hold Inquests of *Escheats*, by a Jury, impannelled by the Sheriff. They were to make a Return, or Certificate, of their Inquisitions, into the *Exchequer*. He is not to continue in his Office above a Year. No Seizure of Lands, or Tenements can be made into the King's Hands, before the *Escheats* be found, upon Inquisition, as above.—By the 126th Paragraph, all *Escheats* are granted to the City. See *Par. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130.*

CLERK OF THE MARKET, is an antient Officer appointed to regulate the *Weights* and *Measures*, by which Goods and Merchandises are publicly bought and sold. *The Clerk of the Market* is to make Assays of all Weights and Measures, and see that they be marked and sealed according to the lawful *Standard*. He has Power to hold a Court, and may issue Process to the Sheriffs, or Bailiffs, to bring a Jury before him. His Charge to them is to make Inquisition into the State of the Markets, and to present all such Persons, as use false, or unlawful Weights, Scales, or Measures; or who sell adulterated, unsound, or unwholesome *Bread*, *Flesh*, *Fish*, or any other Victuals, or Necessaries of Life. Such Offenders are punishable by Fine, in this Court.

Market

Market of Us, or of Our Heirs aforesaid, or of any other of Our Ministers whatsoever, in Our said City, or the Liberties thereof, shall *do*, Or *exercise* any matter, or thing, which, in any manner, belongs to the *Office* of *Escheator*, or *Clerk of the Market* therein : WHICH very Mayor, 125 as *Escheator* and *Clerk of the Market*, before the *Bailiffs* of Our said City, for the time being, shall take his Corporal Oath, in such *Office* of *Escheator* and *Clerk of the Market*, for the faithfully *discharging* and *exercising* the aforesaid *Office*, according to what Our Law, in this Respect, requires. WE HAVE ALSO GRANTED to the same 126 Mayor and Commonalty, and to their Heirs and Successors aforesaid, for ever ; that they may, in Support of the *Fee-Farm* of Our said City, *freely* and *peacefully*, HAVE all Manner of *Lands*, *Tenements*, *Rents*, *Services* and *Possessions*, and all manner of *Fines* and *Amerciaments*, *Forfeits*, and *Profits*, within Our said City and the *Franchises* thereof, as *Escheats*, or by any other means, to be *forfeited*, or *arising* ; without any *Account*, to Us, or to Our Heirs aforesaid, or to the Ministers of Us, or them, to be thence *rendered* ; NOTWITHSTANDING any *Grant* of the 127 *Office* of *Escheator*, or of the *Office* of *Clerk* of Our *Market*, within Our Land of *Ireland*, by Us, or Our Predecessors, or Progenitors, to any Person, heretofore, in any manner whatsoever, made ; And NOTWITHSTANDING any *Statutes*, to the contrary thereof, made. AND FURTHER-128

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Par. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. See Note on *Par.* 123.

Par. 128. By this, and the following, all *Escheats* are granted to the City ; particularly,

WAYS, or Waifs ; that is, Goods taken by *Force*, or *Theft*. and *warved*, or left behind by the *Felon*, upon being pursued. These
by

- MORE, of our more abundant Grace, for Us and Our Heirs aforefaid, WE HAVE GRANTED to the aforefaid *Mayor* and *Commonalty*, and to their Heirs and Successors aforefaid, for ever ; that they may HAVE all Manner of *Goods* and *Chattels*, called, *Wayfs* and *Strayes*, and *Wrecks* of the Sea ; and alfo, all Manner of *Goods* and *Chattels* of all *Felons* and *Fugitives*, to be condemned and convicted, within our City aforefaid, and the *Liberties* thereof, for the future, arifing ; And likewise all Manner of *Fines* and *Amerciaments*, for all *Escapes* foever of *Felons*, *evading* and *escaping* out of the *Liberties* of the faid City ; and alfo of
- 129 all other *Forfeitures* therein to be made : AND, that they, for the future, may be ACQUITTED of fuch *Fines*, *Amerciaments* and *Escapes*, to Us
- 130 and to Our Heirs, for ever ; So, THAT they fhall not henceforth, by Us, or our Heirs, or any of their Minifters whatfoever, now, or for the future, be *lett*, *molefted*, or in any wife, *aggrieved*.
- 131 AND LIKEWISE, of the more abundant Fulnefs of Our Grace, WE HAVE GRANTED, for Us and Our Heirs aforefaid, to the aforefaid *Mayor* and *Bailifs*, and to all other Officers of Our faid City, and to their Successors, for the Time being ; that They may *traffick*, and freely *buy* and *fell* Wines, and all other Victuals whatfoever, by Wholesale, or Retail, for ever ; without any *Lett* of Us, or of our Heirs, or of any of Our Minifters whatfoever ; any *Statute*, or any

by Law, belong to the King, except where he grants them away, as in this Instance, to the City.

STRAYS, or *Estrays* ; Cattle, which have strayed, and whose lawful Owner may not be found.

WRECKS ; fuch Goods, as are, after Ship-wreck, caft a Shore, or found a-float. within the *Liberties* of any City, or Manor.

Ordinance

Ordinance to the contrary whereof, heretofore published, or made, notwithstanding: WIT- 132
 NESSES hereunto, *Laurence Merbury* Our Chancellor of Our Land of *Ireland*, *William de Tbin-*
bagb Our Deputy Treasurer of *Ireland*, *James*
Uriell Chief Baron of Our *Exchequer* of Our
 said Land, *Robert Sutton* Clerk Keeper of the
Rolls of Our *Chancery* of Our said Land, *John*
Passaint Keeper of the *Hanaper* of Our said
Chancery, and many others: GIVEN under the
 Hand of the aforesaid Deputy, in *Dublin*, the
 sixth Day of *February*, in the seventh Year of
 our Reign. WE, MINDFUL of the acceptable 133
 and laudable Services, which the aforesaid Citi-
 zens, and their Ancestors, at painful Expences,
 have manifoldly rendered to Us, and to Our Pro-
 genitors, for the Preservation and Defence of the
 said City of *Dublin*, and Parts adjacent, against
 the hostile Assaults of Our *Irish* Enemies; ex-
 posing their Persons and Properties to divers Pe-
 rils; AND, furthermore, WILLING to manifest Our
 gracious Favor to the said Citizens, that they may
 more peacefully carry on their Commerce, and
 more securely keep the said City as aforesaid,
 and that, hereunto, They may be more firmly
 engaged; HAVING RATIFIED and CONFIRMED 134
 the *Donations*, *Concessions* and *Confirmations* aforesaid, and all and singular the Contents of the
 aforesaid Charter; *Them*, for Us and Our Heirs,
 as much, as in Us lies, of Our special Grace,
 with the *Assent* of Our most dearly beloved
 Kinsman *James le Bottiler* Earl of *Ormond*, Our
 Justice of Our Land of *Ireland*, and Our Coun-
 cil in Our said Land; WE ACCEPT, APPROVE;
 and, to the said Citizens, and to their Heirs and
 Successors, for ever; according to the Tenor of
 these Presents, DO GRANT and CONFIRM; as the
 aforesaid *Charter* doth reasonably testify.

MOREOVER,

- 135 MOREOVER, WILLING to render the said Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors, in this Re-
 136 spect, a more abundant Favor ; WE HAVE GRANTED, for Us, and Our Heirs; and, by this Our *Charter*, HAVE CONFIRMED, to the aforesaid Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors ; that, although the said Citizens, or their Ancestors, Citizens of the said City of *Dublin*, have not, on some Emergency, hitherto, fully *used*, or *have abused*, some, or other of the *Liberties*, *Acquittances*, *Privileges* and *Immunities* aforesaid ; yet, the said Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors, Citizens of the aforesaid City, may, henceforth, fully ENJOY and OCCUPY the *Liberties*, *Acquittances*, *Privileges* and *Immunities* aforesaid, and every of them, for Ever ; without any *Lett*, *occasional Penalty*, or *Impediment*, from Us, or Our Heirs, Our *Lieutenants*, *Justices*, *Escheators*, *Sherifs*, *Senescals*, *Bailifs*, or *Ministers*, or other *Officers* of Us, or Our Heirs whatsoever ; any *Statutes*, or *Ordinances*, made to the Contrary hereof, notwithstanding : WITNESSES hereunto,
 137 the venerable *Richard* Arch-Bishop of *Dublin* Our Chancellor, *Edward* Bishop of *Meath* Treasurer of Our Land of *Ireland*, *Edward Fitz Maurice* Earl of *Kildare*, Brother *William Fitz Thomas* Prior of the *Hospital* of *St. John* of *Jerusalem* in *Ireland*, and others : GIVEN under the Hand of Our *Justice* aforesaid, of Our Land aforesaid, at the Town of *Naas* the twenty-eighth Day of *January*, in the fifth Year of Our Reign.
 138 NOW WE, HAVING RATIFIED and ACCEPTED the *Donations*, *Concessions* and *Confirmations* aforesaid, and all and every thing contained in the *Charters* and *Letters* aforesaid ; for Us and Our Heirs, as much, as in Us lies, of Our special Grace, DO ACCEPT and APPROVE the same ; and to the said Citizens, and to their Heirs and Successors,

cessors, for Ever, according to the Tenor of these Presents, DO GRANT and CONFIRM; as the *Charters* and *Letters* aforesaid do reasonably testify. MOREOVER, WILLING to render 139 the said Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors, in this Respect, a more abundant Favor; WE HAVE GRANTED, for Us and Our Heirs; and, by this Our Charter, HAVE CONFIRMED, to the aforesaid Citizens, and to their Heirs and Successors, Citizens of the said City; that, although they, or their Ancestors, the Citizens of the said City of *Dublin*, upon some Emergency, *have not hitherto used, or have abused*, some, or other of the *Liberties, Acquittances, and Immunities* aforesaid; Yet, the said Citizens, and their Heirs and Successors, Citizens of the said City, may, henceforth, *fully* ENJOY and OCCUPY the *Liberties, Acquittances, Privileges and Immunities* aforesaid, and every of them, for Ever; without any *Impediment, occasional Penalty, or Obstruction* from Us, or Our Heirs, *Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or other Bailiffs, or Ministers* of Us, or of Our Heirs whatsoever: WITNESSES 140 hereunto, the venerable Fathers *H. Arch-Bishop of Canterbury* Primate of all *England*, *J. Bath and Wells*, Our Chancellor, *W. Lincoln*, and *W. Salisbury*, Bishops; Our most dearly beloved Uncle *Humphrey* of *Gloucester*, and Our most dearly beloved Kinsmen *John* of *Norfolk*, Dukes; Our most dearly beloved Kinsman, *John* of *Huntingdon*, *Henry* of *Northumberland*, and *William* of *Suffolk* Steward of our Household, Earls; Our beloved and trusty *Ralph Crumbwell* Our Treasurer of *England*, and *Ralph Botiler* our Chamberlain, Knights; Our beloved Clerk *William De Wode* Keeper of Our Privy Seal, and others: GIVEN under Our Hand, at *Westminster*, the twentieth Day of *May*, in the twentieth Year of Our Reign. WE, having considered the 141 Premises,

Premiffes, at the *Instance* of the COMMONS of Our Land of IRELAND, in OUR PARLEMENT at the *Naas*, on the *Friday* next after the Feaft of St. *Barnaby* the Apoftle, in the firft Year of Our Reign, before Our beloved and trufty *Thomas Fitz Maurice* Earl of *Kildare* Our *Justice* of Our Land of IRELAND, *begun* and *beld*; HAVING RATIFIED and ACCEPTED the aforefaid *Letters Patent*, and all and fingular the Contents thereof; do *them*, for Us, and for Our Heirs, as much as in Us lies, of Our fpecial Grace, by the ASSENT of the aforefaid JUSTICE and of the LORDS SPIRITUAL and TEMPORAL, and COMMONS of Our faid Land, in OUR PARLEMENT aforefaid affembled, and by AUTHORITY of the fame, APPROVE AND CONFIRM: And, that the Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Dublin*, and their Succelfors, the aforefaid FRANCHISES and LIBERTIES, agreeable to the aforefaid *Letters Patent*, in all and every Article, or Articles;

142 may HAVE, OCCUPY and ENJOY, for Ever. AND furthermore, by the ASSENT and AUTHORITY aforefaid, WE DO ADJUDGE and REPUTE the faid *Letters Patent*, as *good* and *fufficient*, as if We had granted the fame *Letters*, and alfo the faid LIBERTIES and FRANCHISES, to the aforefaid Mayor and Citizens, and to their Succelfors, a-new, under Our Great Seal of *England*, for

143 Ever: IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have caufed *theſe* Our *Letters* to be made *Patent*: WITNESS our aforefaid *Justice*, at DUBLIN, the fifth Day of *May*, in the Second Year of Our Reign.

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By Petition of THE PARLEMENT.

Par. 141, 142. The Reciting and the Enacting Clauſes of the STATUTE.

T H E E N D.

